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# Abortion rights touted to bring jobs

Lamont invites businesses seeking to abandon states with restrictive policies to Connecticut

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz are linking abortion rights with economic development, issuing an invitation Friday to businesses to leave states with restrictive policies and move to Connecticut where access to abortion has been law for 32 years.

“Now more than ever is the time to look at Connecticut as the future home of your business,” they said in an open letter that opened with the salutation, “Dear business owners.”

The letter was sent as a news release to members of the press in states where abortion has been banned or restricted, according to Max Reiss, Lamont’s spokesman.

“We have the workforce, the high quality of life and the values that we know will make you, your families and your employees feel welcome,” the governor and lieutenant governor said.

The Supreme Court decision, announced last week, that overturned the constitutional guarantee to abortion established in the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, has “far-reaching implications for businesses and workers” in states likely to severely limit access to abortion, Lamont and

Bysiewicz said.

“We are writing to any business owner that is disappointed in the stance of their current state. If you are looking to relocate to a state that supports the rights of women and whose actions and laws are unwavering in support of tolerance and inclusivity, Connecticut is for you,” they said.

Lamont and Bysiewicz invited businesses to contact AdvancCT, the public-private partnership promoting economic development. Their message included a

video of Lamont making his pitch from his Capitol office.

Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford said the governor’s “pitch to businesses to move to Connecticut would be strengthened if our state would make better policy decisions to increase jobs, income growth and opportunity.”

Still, he said he appreciates Lamont encouraging businesses to move to Connecticut and create jobs and that the governor

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Maria Debrito, who works for Werner Enterprises, has been driving trucks for two years. She drove up from Pennsylvania and paid almost \$700 for 100 gallons of diesel in Southington on Friday, the first day of the state’s increased diesel tax rate. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

# ‘This hike will backfire’

Truckers frustrated as state begins 49-cent diesel tax increase

By Stephen Underwood | Hartford Courant

Chris Hancock, who has been in the trucking industry for over 25 years, has seen his fair share of changes in the last few decades but has never seen diesel prices this high. Pumping gas at the Truck Stop of America in Southington, Hancock watched his total rise over \$600 Friday, the first day of Connecticut’s diesel tax increase.

“The price of diesel right now is really hurting the trucking industry and Americans as well,” said Hancock, general manager for Arizona based Daniels Moving & Storage Inc. “This is just not the time to raise prices especially as diesel has doubled just this past year alone. Companies were already struggling before the increase.”

The state’s diesel fuel tax increased Friday to 49.2 cents

per gallon, a nearly 23% increase from the former 40.1-cent rate.

“Truckers drive America,” Hancock said. “All the goods that are here in Connecticut come in from truckers. So punishing truck driving companies is going to have a negative effect on people’s wallets as well when prices are already high.”

The 9 cents per gallon increase

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Bill Grey and his puppy, Laninee, with Chris Hancock, rest at the Southington truck stop off Interstate 84 on Friday. Hancock thinks that the United States has become too reliant on other nations’ fuel and sees electric vehicles as a possible future.

# A quest to lick hiccups for good

As a teen, she invented a lollipop to stop the affliction. Now she has her own biotech firm.

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

M.J. Kievman entered the health care industry as a seventh grader. After suffering from hiccups for three months, the Manchester preteen invented Hiccupops, lollipops that aim to stop occasional hiccupping.

Now, at age 23, Kievman is the co-founder and CEO of Meter Health, a Hartford-based biotech firm that is launching the nationwide sale of her lollipop for occasional hiccups, while also developing a drug to stop more severe, “clinically significant” cases of hiccupping.

After years of research and reformulation, the original citrus-flavored Hiccupop will be sold nationwide at 864 CVS locations.

Kievman, who lives in Boston, founded Meter Health in 2017 with Bartholomew Bacak, a hiccups researcher who is an ear, nose and throat doctor with the University of Rochester Medical Center.

She said Meter’s research is based on the hypothesis that hiccups, rather than being a respiratory or gastrointestinal problem, are neurological in nature.

“You have to send a signal to the brainstem to stop the abnormal breath pattern,” Kievman said. “The Hiccupop sends the signal but the pill is a much more targeted compound. It sends the signals more strongly, in a more lasting way.”

The Hiccupop — made with apple cider vinegar and a few other ingredients — is for anyone who hiccups, for any reason, and can’t stop the hiccupping using well-known home remedies such as holding breath, drinking water

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## WAR IN UKRAINE

# Deadly missile strike near Odesa

Ukraine: Action by Russia payback after island withdrawal

By Francesca Ebel  
Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — A Russian airstrike on residential areas killed at least 21 people early Friday near the Ukrainian port of Odesa, authorities reported, a day after the withdrawal of Moscow’s forces from an island in the Black Sea had seemed to ease the threat

to the city.

Video of the attack before daybreak showed the charred ruins of buildings in the small town of Serhiivka, about 31 miles from Odesa. The Ukrainian president’s office said warplanes fired three missiles that struck an apartment building and a campsite.

Ukrainian authorities interpreted the attack as payback for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Snake Island a day earlier, though Moscow portrayed their departure as a “goodwill gesture” to help unblock exports of grain.

Russian forces took control of the island in the opening days of the war in the apparent hope of using it as a staging ground for an assault on Odesa, Ukraine’s biggest port and the headquarters of its navy.

Odesa has long been coveted by President Vladimir Putin of Russia, whose forces have continued to display willingness to target civilians during the war.

“The occupiers cannot win on the battlefield, so they resort to

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A war crimes prosecutor, center, is flanked by members of a civilian rescue crew as they examine a building that was destroyed Friday in the southern Ukrainian town of Serhiivka. **OLEKSANDR GIMANOV/GETTY-AFP**

## Breeze temporarily reduces nonstop flights from Bradley

Breeze Airways confirmed Friday that it is temporarily cutting back on nonstop flights out of Bradley International Airport to Savannah, Georgia; Columbus, Ohio; Pittsburgh; and Akron/Canton, Ohio. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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# East Haven police: Unidentified 1975 homicide victim's body exhumed from Hamden cemetery

Staff report

Authorities successfully exhumed the body of an unidentified 1975 homicide victim who was buried at a cemetery in Hamden, according to East Haven police.

The body that had previously been exhumed at the State Street Cemetery was the remains of a different person, according to police.

But East Haven Capt. Joseph M. Murgo said Friday that authorities now had successfully “located the burial site of the unidentified 1975 Homicide victim at the State Street Cemetery,” 2125 State St., Hamden.

Murgo said that he, Capt. David Emerman, the East Haven Investigative Services Division, and the Office of the Chief Sate Medical Examiner were able to “exhume and inspect Jane Doe’s body before

collecting viable DNA from several DNA rich areas.”

“This new development will allow us to extract, sequence and apply DNA results to genealogy databases across the globe in hopes of identifying the unidentified homicide victim,” Murgo said. He said the victim was found bound, gagged and floating in a drainage ditch in August 1975 along Frontage Road in East Haven.

Murgo had previously noted that her grave wasn’t marked, so it was a challenge to locate. He also has said several suspects have been eyed over the years, but to make more progress, police need to figure out who the victim was.

This case remains under investigation, Murgo said.

*Associated Press contributed to this story.*

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has confirmed that abortion rights codified in Connecticut law are “settled law and will not change.”

Lamont and Bysiewicz are seeking a second term this year and are trying to tie abortion rights — a key issue to energize the Democratic base — with a fiscal policy that has steered clear of the party’s liberal and union constituencies. Lamont has rejected higher taxes he says have damaged Connecticut’s reputation in the business community.

In their letter, they cited other reasons to relocate to Connecticut: childcare, a paid family medical leave program, “tax stability” and “strong fiscal management.”

Connecticut businesses fiercely opposed the paid family medical leave program when it was enacted in 2019. Owners and managers said it would interfere with their operations and they criticized the half-percent payroll tax imposed to finance the program.

Fran Pastore, founder and chief executive officer of the Women’s Business Development Council, which advocates for entrepreneurship for women, praised Lamont’s outreach to out-of-state businesses.

“I think it’s a bold act from an activist governor who is a social activist and a fiscal conservative,” she said.

In addition, Pastore said, abortion is an economic issue and the lack of access to the procedure will particularly affect poor women and communities of color.

It’s not the first time Connecticut officials have reached out beyond the state to capitalize on a contentious political issue. Then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy invited North Carolina business owners in March 2016 to relocate their companies in response to a law critics have said is discriminatory toward the LGBT community.

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## Ukraine

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vile killing of civilians,” said Ivan Bakanov, head of Ukraine’s security service, the SBU. “After the enemy was dislodged from Snake Island, he decided to respond with the cynical shelling of civilian targets.”

Large numbers of civilians were killed in Russian bombardments earlier in the war, including at a hospital, a theater used as a shelter, and a train station. Until this week, mass casualties involving residents appeared to become less frequent as Moscow concentrated on capturing eastern Ukraine’s Donbas region.

Russian missiles struck the Kyiv region last weekend after weeks of relative calm around the capital, and an airstrike Monday on a shopping mall in the central city of Kremenchuk killed at least 19 people.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed outrage over Friday’s attack.

“These missiles, Kh-22, were designed to destroy aircraft carriers and other large warships, and the Russian army used them against an ordinary nine-story building with ordinary civilian people,” he said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. announced Friday that it will provide Ukraine with \$820 million in new military aid, including new surface-to-air missile systems and counter-artillery radars to respond to Russia’s heavy reliance on long-range strikes in the war.

The Pentagon said it would also provide the Ukrainians with up to 150,000 rounds of 155 mm artillery



In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Emergency Service with faces blurred by the source, first responders work on a damaged residential building in Odesa, Ukraine, early Friday after Russian missile attacks.

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ammunition.

This is the 14th package of military weapons and equipment transferred to Ukraine from Defense Department stocks since last August. All told, the U.S. has provided more than \$8.8 billion in weapons and other military training to Ukraine.

As part of the new package, the

U.S. will purchase two systems known as NASAMS, a Norwegian-developed anti-aircraft system that is also used to protect the airspace around the White House and Capitol in Washington.

In the attack in Serhiivka, an 11-year-old boy, his mother and the 42-year-old coach of a children’s soccer team were killed, according

to Ukrainian news reports. Thirty-eight others, including six children and a pregnant woman, were reported hospitalized. Most of the victims were in the apartment building, Ukrainian emergency officials said.

The Kremlin’s spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, again denied on Friday that Russia was targeting any civilian infrastructure.

Russia’s targets, he said, included ammunition and arms depots, plants that manufacture and repair military equipment, and places where “foreign mercenaries” and “nationalist elements” are based.

Oleh Zhdanov, an independent Ukrainian military analyst, said the Russian pullback from Snake Island bears “colossal psychological significance” for Ukraine.

“Snake Island is key for controlling the Black Sea and could help cover the Russian attack if the Kremlin opted for an amphibious landing operation in Odesa or elsewhere in the region,” he said. “Now those plans are pushed back.”

Ukraine’s military claimed a barrage of its artillery and missiles forced the Russians to flee the island in two small speedboats. The exact number of troops withdrawn was not disclosed.

Zelenskyy said that although the pullout did not guarantee the Black Sea region’s safety, it would “significantly limit” Russian activities there.

In eastern Ukraine, Russian forces kept up their push to encircle the city of Lysychansk, the last stronghold of resistance in Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas.

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NEWS BRIEFING

New York lawmakers pass bill banning guns in ‘sensitive places’

From news services

The New York state Senate, moving to the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the state’s gun restrictions, passed a bill Friday that would ban firearms in “sensitive places,” including schools, churches and even Times Square.

The bill passed in a 43-20 vote.

“We are taking some straightforward steps today to ensure that our gun laws in New York are strong and keeping people safe,” state Sen. Brian Kavanaugh said.

Last week, in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court decision struck down a 1913 New York state law that banned the carrying of guns outside the home.

Writing for the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas said that the Second Amendment protected “an individual’s right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home” but indicated that states could continue to restrict guns in certain locations such as schools and government buildings.

The New York gun bill is seen as a test of how states can still rein in the proliferation of handguns in light of the decision.

The bill, which would ban

concealed guns on private property unless allowed by the property owner, would extend to health care facilities; houses of worship; colleges and universities; places where children gather, such as schools, day care centers, playgrounds, parks and zoos; public transportation; places where alcohol or cannabis is consumed; and theaters, concerts, casinos and other entertainment venues.

Lawmakers also moved to ban weapons at protests or places where people have congregated to express their rights to free speech.

And it would require New Yorkers who seek concealed-carry permits to go through 16 hours of training on how to handle a handgun, two hours of firing-range training, an in-person interview and a written exam.

Under the previous law, New Yorkers were required to show that they had “proper cause” to obtain a permit, that they were at least 21 years old, that they had no felony or serious offense convictions, and that they had “good moral character.” They also needed to show that they had a heightened need for self-protection.

Under the gun bill, carrying a weapon in a prohib-



The image of Chinese President Xi Jinping looms Friday from a screen in Beijing broadcasting state television news coverage of his visit to Hong Kong. Xi marked the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return with a speech countering criticism that political and civic freedoms in the former British colony have been largely erased under Chinese rule. MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP

ited area would amount to a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. But the legislation would not apply to properly licensed security guards at work, former military members or retired law enforcement officials.

**India plastics ban:** India banned some single-use or disposable plastic products Friday as part of a federal plan to phase out the material in the nation of nearly 1.4

billion people.

For the first stage, it has identified 19 plastic items that have a high potential to become litter, and makes it illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute or sell them. These range from plastic cups and straws to ice cream sticks. Some disposable plastic bags will also be phased out and replaced with thicker ones.

**Deadly India mudslide:** Rescuers found more bodies

Friday as they resumed searching for dozens of missing after a mudslide triggered by weeks of heavy downpours killed at least 19 people at a railroad construction site in India’s northeast, officials said.

Soldiers joined more than 200 workers and police using bulldozers and other equipment to rescue those buried under the debris in Noney, a town near Imphal, the capital of Manipur state.

Intermittent rain continued in the region where the bodies have been recovered so far after a hillock caved in and buried the railroad project area, said H. Guite, district magistrate.

Lt. Gen. R.P. Kalita, head of the army’s eastern command, said 13 soldiers and five civilians were saved from the debris of the railroad station.

Guite put the number of those still unaccounted for at around 50.

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follows a year in which retail diesel prices have nearly doubled. It also comes six months before Connecticut is set to implement a new highway use tax on large commercial trucks.

The average price of diesel fuel in Connecticut now sits at \$6.06 per gallon, according to AAA.

The tax-rate change, determined since 2007 by a formula based on the wholesale cost of diesel, will remain at the current rate until it is readjusted on July 1, 2023.

“It’s known in the trucking world to avoid the northeast because of the high taxes and fuel prices,” said Kevin Polite, truck driver and co-owner of Success for Business. “When the cost of freight and moving goods increases, then the price of common goods also increases. It’s an assembly line that hurts even the smallest guy on the totem pole.”

Polite, who operates out of Maryland, said his business will coordinate their logistics so that they will only fill up in certain states and skip states like Connecticut.

“This hike will backfire,” Polite said. “More truckers are going to skip filling up here in favor of states with less taxes. That’s just how business works.”

State policymakers declined to include the diesel tax in an ongoing suspension of the excise tax on gasoline, which was adopted this



Kevin Polite co-owns the trucking company Success for Business. His fuel costs have doubled in the last six months. Fueling up in Southington on Friday, the first day of Connecticut’s increased diesel tax rate, he said that he and other truckers are saying to “avoid the northeast, avoid the northeast.” DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

year amid rising fuel prices and inflation nationally.

Democratic lawmakers and Gov. Ned Lamont have said the diesel tax impacts mostly out-of-state truckers and opted for other tax cuts this year instead.

“You know the diesel tax, let’s say half that is paid for by out-of-state tractor trailer trucks, many of which don’t stop in the state, they just keep rumbling through,” Lamont said earlier this month. “I like to do tax cuts that really focus on middle-class folks here in our state.”

In addition, lawmakers argue

that the increase will allow the state to further extend the suspension of the excise tax on gasoline which is in place through Nov. 30 of this year.

“That gives us some additional resources. So if we have to continue reducing the gas tax a little bit longer, that allows us to do it,” Lamont said. “Let those big guys pay a little.”

The state’s diesel tax generated around \$115 million in each of the previous two fiscal years, according to the department of revenue sources for the state.

But some public officials, econ-



Manuel A. Zandlo told the Courant on Friday at Truck Stops of America in Southington that prices are at a 40-year high and it is becoming more and more difficult to make a profit.

omists and others argue the increase will exacerbate inflation and only help to drive up the cost of goods and services for consumers.

“Inflation is already costing Connecticut families over \$650 each month. Governor Lamont had a chance to do something to stop it but he didn’t,” Republican candidate for governor Bob Stefanowski said in a press release. “Today, he’s jacking up your taxes, and raising costs on everything, by increasing the diesel tax by 23%. It’s now nearly 50 cents per gallon!”

Senate Republican Leader

Kevin Kelly and House Republican Leader Vincent Candelora also issued a joint press release in response to the tax hike.

“Today Connecticut grows even more unaffordable,” they wrote. “Connecticut had the power to deliver significant tax relief and energy assistance, including stopping the diesel tax increase, but Democrats refused to make our state more affordable. Instead, Democrats chose to pocket an \$800 million surplus from over collected taxes from you and then ask you to pay more in taxes and the cost of goods and services in our state.”

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or eating peanut butter.

The pill will be for those whose hiccups are long-lasting, are caused by serious health issues or that threatens their health.

Chronic hiccups can be caused by chemotherapy, anesthesia, GERD, Parkinson’s disease, stroke and other medical conditions, Kievman said.

“You could be coming out of surgery and out of the anesthesia and start hiccupping. It can tear your stitches,” she said.

Life-changing invention

Kievman’s three-month bout of hiccups at age 12, which was relieved only when she was asleep, bothered her so much she started researching and experimenting.

“I was just a kid, so I just tried all kinds of things, put things together, saw what worked, what didn’t. I saw that putting it in the form of a lollipop worked,” she said. “I always was interested in science, but it was the first thing I applied myself to. I didn’t know a lot about the scientific basis of what I was doing.”

The Hiccupop changed her life. In 2012, at age 13, she was invited to ring the bell at the New York Stock Exchange, along with other young entrepreneurs. The bell-ringing marked the first



M.J. Kievman invented a lollipop at age 12 to stop occasional hiccupping and has founded the Hartford-based biotech firm Meter Health, which is launching the sale of her lollipop nationwide and working on the development of a drug to stop more chronic hiccupping. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

anniversary of Startup America Partnership. In 2014, at age 16, she appeared on Disney Channel’s “Make Your Mark,” a series of short films focusing on innovative youths. In 2015, she was a guest of President Obama at the White House Science Fair, where she represented the Connecticut Invention Convention. Today,

Kievman is a board member of the convention.

Kievman graduated from Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor and went on to Colby College in Waterville, Maine. She plans to stay in the pharmaceutical industry, but at Colby, she got a degree in English, with an emphasis on creative writing.

“I am passionate about communication. I want to be able to communicate with authority about what we are doing,” she said.

Kievman graduated from Colby in 2020 but, because of the pandemic, didn’t walk in her graduation ceremony until this year.

She still gets hiccups every now and then.

“I get it most often when I eat kale,” she said. Her sister Megan had a similar lengthy hiccup period in her youth. The Hiccupop helped Megan, too. She also has a brother, Brennan, and another sister, Mackenzie. Her parents are Adam Kievman, who is chairman of Meter, and Shannon Kievman of Manchester.

In addition to spearheading research into the pill program, Kievman wants to change the way people think about hiccups, which many consider an insignificant, even amusing affliction.

“For so many people it’s a devastating, debilitating, deadly problem. People who go to the doctor’s office because they’ve been hiccupping nonstop for two weeks, they hesitate to say anything because people tend to think it’s a silly, stupid, minor annoyance,” Kievman said.

“The universality of hiccups is a double-edged sword. Everyone knows how it feels. But some people get them for like five years and people will say, ‘Oh, you’ll be fine.’”

She hopes to someday establish an association to advocate for hiccupping research, similar to other medical advocacy groups such as the American Heart Association.

“If we get the message across it’ll build empathy and disease awareness,” she said.

Find more information at hiccupops.com.

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ANALYSIS

Term confirms court's conversion

6-3 majority's debut features far-reaching conservative rulings

By Adam Liptak  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court moved relentlessly to the right in its first full term with a six-justice conservative majority, issuing far-reaching decisions that will transform American life. It eliminated the constitutional right to abortion, recognized a Second Amendment right to carry guns outside the home, made it harder to address climate change and expanded the role of religion in public life.

But those blockbusters, significant though they were, only began to tell the story of the conservative juggernaut the court has become. By one standard measurement used by political scientists, the term that just ended was the most conservative since 1931.

“The data provide stunning confirmation of the Republican-conservative takeover of the Supreme Court,” said Lee Epstein, a law professor and political scientist at the University of Southern California who oversees the Supreme Court Database.

The last time the rate of conservative decisions even rivaled those in the term that ended Thursday was during Chief Justice John Roberts’s first term, which started in 2005.

Since then, the final days of Supreme Court terms have tended to end with a mix of decisions pointing in different ideological



The Supreme Court’s term had many decisions reflecting the 6-3 ideological divide of the justices. DANIEL SLIM/GETTY-APP

directions. That changed this week, with a string of outcomes that left conservatives jubilant and energized about the court’s direction and liberals distraught.

“Every year since John Roberts became chief justice, the court’s results at the end of the term have been less conservative than many court watchers feared they would be at the term’s outset,” said David Cole, the national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. “This time, the doomsayers got it exactly right, as the court traded caution for raw power.”

That can only be the

consequence of the three justices former President Donald Trump named to the court and particularly of his appointment of Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who joined the court weeks after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in 2020.

In the decades before Barrett’s arrival, the court was closely divided. That meant the member of the court at its ideological center — Justice Anthony Kennedy and then Roberts — wielded enormous power. They both leaned right, but they tended to deliver a couple of major liberal victories each term.

The dynamic on the

new court is different and lopsided, with six Republican appointees and three Democratic ones. The median justice appears to be Justice Brett Kavanaugh, appointed by Trump to replace the more liberal Kennedy. In the term that just ended, Kavanaugh moved to the right, voting in a conservative direction 79% of the time in divided cases in which the court heard arguments and issued signed opinions. In the prior term, that number was 58%.

The court’s three liberals were perfectly aware that they had been marginalized by what Justice Sonia Soto-

mayor called, in dissenting from a decision that made it harder to sue federal officials for constitutional violations, “a restless and newly constituted court.”

In their joint dissent in the abortion case, the three liberal justices said the court had replaced reason with power.

“The majority has overruled Roe and Casey for one and only one reason: because it has always despised them, and now it has the votes to discard them,” they wrote. “The majority thereby substitutes a rule by judges for the rule of law.”

The court decided 58

cases, a slight uptick from the last two terms, which had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. But the number of signed decisions in argued cases was the third-lowest since 1937.

Nineteen decisions were decided by 6-3 votes, and in 13 of them, all three Democratic appointees dissented. Those cases included ones on abortion, gun rights, climate change, school prayer, government aid to religious schools, the death penalty, campaign finance and limits on suits against government officials.

“The Supreme Court went a lot farther a lot faster than I expected it to this term,” said Tara Leigh Grove, a law professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

There were, however, some divisions on the right. “The conservative wing of the court is not a monolith,” said Roman Martinez, a Supreme Court specialist with Latham & Watkins, “and there are real and significant differences between how far to push the law in a more originalist direction and how fast.”

The most significant example of this was Roberts’s opinion in the abortion case, which would have upheld the restrictive Mississippi law at issue but would have stopped short of overruling Roe, in so many words. The chief justice’s failure to attract a single vote for that approach was telling, Epstein said.

“The court has morphed into the divided, partisan, maximalist, activist court that Roberts has pushed back against for nearly two decades,” she said. “At least for now, he’s lost the fight.”

Biden, governors huddle to discuss abortion access

Tells Dem leaders ‘all the alternatives’ are being looked at

By Chris Megerian  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden told Democratic governors Friday that he is “looking at all the alternatives” for protecting abortion access following last month’s Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade.

One day after returning from international summits in Europe, Biden described the ruling as “tragic” and warned that Republicans could try to enact a nationwide ban on abortion if they retake control of Congress. He urged Democrats to elect at least two more senators so they could create an exception to the filibuster and codify in law the protections that had been provided under Roe v. Wade.

At least two Democratic senators, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, have blocked efforts to sidestep the filibuster. The party would need unanimous backing from the Senate’s 48 Democrats and two allied independents, plus the tiebreaking vote of Vice

President Kamala Harris, to make that rules change over solid GOP opposition.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul suggested that Biden consider having abortions performed at federal facilities such as Veterans Affairs hospitals or military bases in states that restrict abortions. New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said Native American tribes, which have a level of sovereignty over their own lands, could also be valuable partners.

“We’re in the process of looking at all the alternatives,” said Biden, who made no announcements.

Some activists and Democrats have been frustrated by what they consider an overly cautious approach from the administration, especially since the court decision has been expected since a draft leaked nearly two months ago.

Meanwhile, a new poll finds a growing percentage of Americans calling out abortion or women’s rights as priorities for the government.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after the decision that “reproductive freedom is on the ballot in November.” But with pervasive pessimism and myriad crises facing the nation, it’s not clear whether

the ruling will motivate those voters.

Twenty-two percent of U.S. adults name abortion or women’s rights in an open-ended question as one of up to five problems they want the government to work on, according to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That’s more than doubled since December.

The new poll, which included interviews conducted before and after the high court’s ruling, finds prioritization of the issues grew sharply following the decision.

The Dobbs ruling kicks decision-making on abortion back to states, and in the last week, Republican governors and legislatures have moved to introduce or advance legislation that bans or curtails abortions.

Polling conducted before the decision showed it was unpopular with a majority of Americans, who wanted to see the court leave Roe as is. A majority of Americans support abortion access in general, though many say there should be restrictions. About a third say abortion should be legal in all cases, roughly another third legal in most cases, about a quarter illegal in most cases.



President Biden said during a meeting with Democratic governors on Friday from the White House that he’s looking at “all the alternatives” for protecting abortion access. EVAN VUCCI/AP

About 1 in 10 say it should be illegal in all cases.

Mentions of abortion specifically are not limited to Americans who support abortion rights; instead, the poll shows abortion is named as a priority by roughly a quarter of adults with hard-line opinions on both sides of the issue — those who think abortion should be legal in all cases and those who think abortion should be illegal in all cases.

Earnestine Smith, a 68-year-old resident of Waukegan, Illinois, said the

Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe represents progress.

“We want abortion abolished and done away with,” she said. “We got to stand up and say no.”

Still, it’s significant that those with the most liberal views on abortion and those with the most conservative views are about equally likely to prioritize the issue; historically, research has shown opponents of abortion have been more likely to consider the issue important to them than those supporting abortion access.

And the new poll finds mentions of women’s rights are almost exclusively by those who think abortion should be legal.

According to the poll, the percentage of women prioritizing abortion or women’s rights was higher in interviews conducted before the ruling than six months ago, 21% vs. 9% in December; it swelled to 37% in the days after. Mentions grew sharply among men, too, but the growth was concentrated in the wake of the ruling, from 6% in interviews conducted before to 21% after.



The TSA screened more than 2.4 million travelers at U.S. airport checkpoints Thursday. MATT ROURKE/AP

US airports see holiday throng exceed pre-pandemic level

By David Koenig  
Associated Press

The July Fourth holiday weekend was off to a booming start with airport crowds crushing the numbers seen in 2019, before the pandemic.

Travelers seemed to be experiencing fewer delays and canceled flights Friday than they did earlier this week.

The Transportation Security Administration screened more than 2.4

million travelers at airport checkpoints Thursday, 17% more than on the Friday before July Fourth in 2019.

“We expect that (Friday) is going to be busy, of course, and then Sunday will be very busy,” TSA Administrator David Pekoske said on NBC’s “Today” show.

AAA predicts nearly 48 million people will travel at least 50 miles or more from home over the weekend, slightly fewer than in 2019, setting a record even with the national average price

for gasoline near \$5.

Leisure travel has bounced back this year, and with many flights sold out over the July Fourth weekend, airlines will struggle to find seats for passengers whose flights are canceled.

If you’re already at the airport when your flight is canceled, “it’s time to flex your multitasking skills,” said Sebastian Modak, editor-at-large of travel guide publisher Lonely Planet. He advises heading straight to the airline’s help

desk, checking its app on your phone and calling the airline’s customer-service line — an international number might be answered sooner than a U.S. one for airlines that have both.

Modak said driving or taking a bus or train will often be a better option in the U.S. this summer.

“There’s no getting around the fact that this is going to be a summer of travel delays, cancellations and frustrations,” he said.

While vacationers are

crowding airports and roadside restaurants, business travel and international flying remain depressed, and the total number of people flying has not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. TSA screened 11% fewer people in June than it did in the same month of 2019.

Thursday marked the 11th time since the pandemic started that TSA checked more people than it did on the same day in 2019, and just the second time since February.

WORLD & NATION

Should Trump be charged in riot?

Amid hearings, poll shows nearly half of Americans think so

By Farnoush Amiri and Nuha Dolby  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — About half of Americans believe former President Donald Trump should be charged with a crime for his role in the U.S. Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021, a new poll shows.

The survey from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 48% of U.S. adults say the Republican former president should be charged with a crime for his role, while 31% say he should not be charged. An additional 20% say they don't know enough to have an opinion. Fifty-eight percent say Trump bears a great deal or quite a bit of responsibility for what happened that day.

The poll was conducted after five public hearings by the House committee investigating Jan. 6, which has sought to paint Trump's potential criminal culpability in the events that led to the deadly insurrection. It was taken before Tuesday's surprise hearing featuring former Trump White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson. Her testimony provided the most compelling evidence yet that the former president could be linked to a federal crime, experts say.

Views on Trump's criminal liability break down predictably along party lines, with 86% of Democrats but only 10% of Republicans saying Trump should be charged with a crime. Among Republicans, 68% say he should not be charged and 21% say they don't know.

Still, the fact that nearly half the country believes he should be prosecuted is a remarkable position for the former president, pointing to the difficulties he could face if he makes another run at the White House in 2024.



Supporters of former President Donald Trump gather outside the U.S. Capitol ahead of the riot on Jan. 6, 2021. A new poll shows that nearly half of Americans say Trump should be charged with a crime for his role that day. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**

For Ella Metze, a South Carolina Democrat, Trump's culpability has been clear from the beginning, when he urged his supporters to march to the Capitol on the morning of Jan. 6 and “fight like hell.”

“It was meant to provoke violence because he kept encouraging them,” the 86-year-old said. “As it happened, I watched it all and I just thought why doesn't somebody stop this? Why doesn't he stop this?”

Chris Schloemer, a Texas independent, agreed Trump holds responsibility for egging on the crowd with his baseless claims of election fraud. But the 61-year-old doesn't lay the blame solely on Trump.

Schloemer feels Republicans in Congress have a hand in what happened that day, too.

“I feel like people were

afraid of Donald Trump, especially Republican politicians, and so they wouldn't rein him in, and I think that just emboldened him,” Schloemer said.

And he's not alone. While views of Trump's role have not changed since December, Americans are somewhat more likely now than they were then to say Republicans in Congress were significantly responsible for the events of Jan. 6.

Forty-six percent say that now, up from 41% in December. An additional 21% say GOP lawmakers had some responsibility and 30% say they were not responsible. The change in the share saying Republicans in Congress have a large amount of responsibility was driven mostly by Democrats and independents.

Ulysses Bryant, a Democrat from Florida, said while

he always believed Trump and the rioters should be charged with a crime, he hadn't known of the involvement of congressional Republicans until he began to follow the hearings.

Nearly 6 in 10 Americans — 56% — say they followed news about the congressional hearings. A smaller but still sizeable share — 42% — say they watched or listened.

The nine-member panel, comprised of seven Democrats and two Republicans, has worked steadily for the past year to investigate the connection between Trump and his allies and the violence and chaos that ensued on the Capitol. The public hearing phase of their investigation is meant to put all of that investigative work on display to the American public in an effort to create a historical record of what occurred.

Seventy-five percent of Democrats and 42% of Republicans say they followed news about the hearings. More Democrats than Republicans also say they tuned in, 58% to 27%. The first of the public hearings, which began in early June, received high ratings for TV viewership, though subsequent hearings have received more modest ratings.

Kathlyn Keller, a retired investment banker from San Francisco, is one of the GOP voters who has tuned into the hearings and still believes Trump holds no responsibility for the events of that day.

The 83-year-old thinks the only people who should be charged are those who brought weapons to the Capitol, or anyone who got into the building and caused damage inside. Trump

“absolutely shouldn't be charged with anything,” she said.

Nonetheless, the committee plans to continue its congressional probe and present new evidence in the coming weeks to viewers, including Attorney General Merrick Garland.

Regardless of public opinion about Trump's likely criminal involvement, lawmakers continue to face a stark reality: While they can investigate Jan. 6 and issue subpoenas to gather information, only the Justice Department can bring criminal charges.

But there are clear signs in recent weeks that the Justice Department appears to be escalating its probe of pro-Trump efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Federal agents on Wednesday seized the cellphone of Trump lawyer John Eastman, who was the architect behind a plan to pressure then-Vice President Mike Pence into rejecting the electoral college results.

Last week, authorities searched the Virginia home of Jeffrey Clark, who was known at the Justice Department to champion Trump's false claims of election fraud.

Agents also served subpoenas to Republican Party chairmen of Arizona, Nevada and Georgia, three states that went for Democrat Joe Biden and where Trump allies created slates of “alternate electors” intended to subvert the vote. Republicans in Michigan and Pennsylvania also disclosed they had been interviewed by the FBI.

The poll of 1,053 adults was conducted June 23-27 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4 percentage points.



People pray for brothers Yovani and Jair Valencia Olivares and their cousin Misael Olivares Monterde on Thursday in the village of San Marcos Atexquilapan, Mexico. **YERANIA ROLON/AP**

Villagers offer prayers, hope for missing Texas migrants

By Alba Aleman, Delmer Martinez and Christopher Sherman  
Associated Press

SAN MARCOS ATEXQUILAPAN, Mexico — Clutching rosaries, residents of this mountain village stared at photographs of three of their own atop the altar at the local church, praying that teenagers Jair, Yovani and Misael were not among the 53 migrants who perished inside a stifling trailer in Texas.

The wait for confirmation has been agonizing for families from Mexico to Honduras. For now parents re-read last messages, swipe through photos, wait for a phone call and pray.

Not far from the church, outside the Olivares family's neat two-story homes, a black tarp was hung Thursday to shade the dozens of people who have come each day to be with the parents of teenage brothers Yovani and Jair Valencia Olivares and the mother and father of their cousin, 16-year-old Misael Olivares Monterde.

Such a covering is customary for wakes, when

the family home cannot accommodate all those who come to pay their respects. But in this case it is a vigil where residents of the town of 3,000 come to buoy the family's spirits, praying and swapping stories about the boys.

Teofilo Valencia, father of 19-year-old Jair and 16-year-old Yovani, sat looking at his phone, reading the last messages he received from them.

“Dad, now we're going to San Antonio,” Yovani wrote at 11:16 a.m. Monday. A half-hour later, his brother wrote to their father that they were ready to work hard and pay for everything.

Hours later came the horrific discovery of the semitrailer abandoned on the outskirts of that south Texas city.

The family did not hear of the ill-fated trailer until Tuesday. They tried to reach the boys, but the messages and calls didn't go through. They went that same day to government offices, providing whatever information could help in the search.

On Wednesday, Mexico's consul in San Antonio confirmed that residents of the Gulf coast state of Vera-

cruz — in which San Marcos is located — were among the 27 Mexican victims. On Thursday, state lawyers traveled to San Antonio to assist in identifications.

Meanwhile, the Olivares wait and pray.

The wait ended Thursday for the family of Jazmin Nayarith Bueso Nunez in El Progreso, Honduras. Their prayers for her safe return were not answered. She was confirmed as being among the dead in San Antonio.

Bueso Nunez suffered from lupus, an immunological disease, that had cost her a job in an assembly plant and whose treatments were very costly, her family said.

A family friend had offered to help her travel to the United States, where she hoped to find better-paying work to help support the 15-year-old son she left with her parents and to find treatment for her disease.

Before leaving June 3, the 37-year-old told her father she intended to migrate.

She was in Laredo when they last spoke. She told him the smugglers were going to take their phones before going on, so she wouldn't be able to communicate for a time.

White House announces 17 for Presidential Medal of Freedom

By Darlene Superville  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will present the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to 17 people, including actor Denzel Washington, gymnast Simone Biles and the late John McCain, the Arizona Republican with whom Biden served in the Senate.

Biden will also recognize Sandra Lindsay, the New York City nurse who rolled up her sleeve on live television in December 2020 to receive the first COVID-19 vaccine dose that was pumped into an arm in the United States, the White House announced Friday.

Biden's honors list includes living and deceased honorees from the worlds of Hollywood, sports, politics, the military, academia, and civil rights and social justice advocacy.

The Democratic president will present the medals next week at the White House.

Biden himself is a recipient, awarded the medal by President Barack Obama to honored his public service as a longtime U.S. senator and vice president.

The honor is reserved for people who have made exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values or security of the United States, world peace or other significant societal public or private endeavors, the White House said.

The other 13 medal recipients are:

- Sister Simone Campbell. Campbell is a member of the Sister of Social Service and a former executive director of NETWORK, a Catholic social justice organization. She is an advocate for economic justice, overhauling the U.S. immigration system and health care policy.
- Julieta Garcia. A former president of the University



U.S. Olympian Simone Biles was announced as one of 17 people who will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom next week at the White House. **NATACHA PISARENKO/AP 2021**

of Texas at Brownsville, Garcia was the first Latina to become a college president, the White House said.

- Gabrielle Giffords. A former U.S. House member from Arizona, the Democrat founded Giffords, an organization dedicated to ending gun violence. She was shot in the head in January 2011 during a constituent event.
- Fred Gray. One of the first Black members of the Alabama Legislature after Reconstruction. Gray was a prominent civil rights attorney who represented Rosa Parks, the NAACP and Martin Luther King Jr.
- Steve Jobs. Jobs was the co-founder, chief executive and chair of Apple Inc. He died in 2011.
- Father Alexander Karloutsos. He is the assistant to Archbishop Demetrios of America. The White House said Karloutsos has counseled several U.S. presidents.
- Khizr Khan. An immigrant from Pakistan, Khan's Army officer son was killed in Iraq. Khan gained national prominence, and became a target of Donald Trump's wrath, after speaking at the 2016 Democratic National Convention.
- Diane Nash. A founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Nash organized some of the most important

20th century civil rights campaigns.

- Megan Rapinoe. She is an Olympic gold medalist and two-time Women's World Cup soccer champion. Rapinoe is a prominent advocate for gender pay equality, racial justice and LGBTQI+ rights.
- Alan Simpson. The retired U.S. senator from Wyoming served with Biden and has been a prominent advocate for campaign finance reform, responsible governance and marriage equality.
- Richard Trumka. He had been president of the 12.5 million-member AFL-CIO for more than a decade at the time of his August 2021 death. Trumka was a past president of the United Mine Workers.
- Wilma Vaught. A brigadier general, Vaught is one of the most decorated women in U.S. military history, breaking gender barriers as she has risen through the ranks. When Vaught retired in 1985, she was one of only seven female generals in the Armed Forces.
- Raul Yzaguirre. A civil rights advocate, Yzaguirre was president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza for 30 years. He served as U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic under Obama.

# BUSINESS

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## Justices stand in the way of Biden’s climate mission

Latest ruling leaves fewer paths for the president to fulfill his commitment

By **Ellen Knickmeyer**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 500 days into his presidency, Joe Biden’s hope for saving the Earth from the most devastating effects of climate change may not quite be dead.

But it’s not far from it.

A Supreme Court ruling Thursday not only limited the Environmental Protection Agency’s ability to regulate climate pollution by power plants but also suggests the court is poised to block other efforts by Biden and federal agencies to limit the climate-wrecking fumes emitted by oil, gas and coal.

It’s a blow to Biden’s commitment to slash emissions in the few years scientists say are left to stave off worse and deadlier levels of global warming. And it’s a sign, to Democrats at home and allies abroad, of the dwindling options remaining for Biden to reverse the legacy of President Donald Trump, who mocked the science of climate change. Trump’s three Supreme Court

appointees provided half of the affirmative votes in Thursday’s 6-3 ruling.

After the ruling, a veteran Democratic lawmaker acknowledged he saw little hope of Congress producing any meaningful climate legislation, either. “There’s no easy fix from Congress from this mess,” said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I. The foreign allies whom Biden once spoke of leading to a global clean-power transformation are wondering if the United States can even lead itself.

The climate decision in some ways “may have broader impacts at least on the European populace that this is a country that, A: can’t get things done and B: is going in a really bizarre direction domestically,” said Max Bergmann, director of the Europe program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Biden’s EPA still has meaningful moves left to make, but it must move quickly, Eric Schaeffer, a former director of civil enforcement at the agency, said in a statement. Among them: Speed up a new rule limiting carbon pollution from power plants, make

long overdue updates to standards on toxic discharges from the plants and move faster to crack down on leaks of climate-damaging methane in natural gas as the Biden administration has already promised.

After Thursday’s ruling, the EPA pledged to put forward a new proposed carbon rule for power plants by early next year.

Biden has pledged to cut the nation’s greenhouse gas emissions in half by the end of the decade and to have an emissions-free power sector by 2035.

“Our fight against climate change must carry forward, and it will,” Biden said in a statement after the ruling that offered no guarantees of success.

His team would “find ways that we can, under federal law, continue protecting Americans” from pollution and climate change, Biden said.

A divided Congress already handed Biden what’s been the worst climate defeat of his term so far when Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., joined Republicans in refusing to pass Biden’s Build Back Better package.

## Inflation in eurozone surges to record 8.6%

By **Kelvin Chan**  
Associated Press

LONDON — Inflation in countries using the euro set another eye-watering record, pushed higher by a huge increase in energy costs fueled partly by Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Annual inflation in the eurozone’s 19 countries hit 8.6% in June, surging past the 8.1% recorded in May, according to the latest numbers published Friday by the European Union statistics agency, Eurostat. Inflation is at its highest level since recordkeeping for the euro began in 1997.

Energy prices rocketed 41.9%, and prices for food, alcohol and tobacco were up 8.9%, both faster than the increases recorded the previous month.

Demand for energy has risen as the global economy bounced back from the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine made things worse.

European Union leaders agreed to ban most Russian oil imports by the year’s end, driving a price spike.

The 27-nation bloc wants to punish Moscow and reduce its reliance on Russian energy, but it’s also adding to financial pain for people and businesses as utility bills and prices at the pump soar.

Russia also reduced deliveries of natural gas used to power industry and generate electricity last month to several EU countries like Germany, Italy and Austria, on top of cutting off gas to France, Poland, Bulgaria and others.

Rising consumer prices are a problem worldwide, with the U.S. and Britain seeing inflation hit 40-year highs of 8.6% and 9.1%, respectively.

That has led the U.S. Federal Reserve, Bank of England and other central banks worldwide to approve a series of interest rate hikes to combat inflation.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Airport workers strike in France

PARIS — Flights from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and other French airports faced disruptions Friday as airport workers held a strike to demand salary hikes to keep up with inflation and an urgent hiring push to deal with resurgent travel demand.

French airports have been largely spared the chaos seen recently in airports in London, Amsterdam and some other European and U.S. cities. But on Friday, striking workers sought to call attention to their struggles with a walkout on the first big day of France’s domestic summer travel season.

France’s civil aviation authority said 17% of scheduled flights — primarily short-haul routes — out of Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports in Paris were canceled between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday.

## Potential sale of Kohl’s falls apart

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The potential sale of the Kohl’s department store chain has fallen apart in a shaky retail environment of rising inflation and consumer anxiety.

Kohl’s entered exclusive talks in early June with Franchise Group, the owner of Vitamin Shop and other retail outlets, for a deal potentially worth about \$8 billion.

“Given the environment and market volatility, the Board determined that it simply was not prudent to continue pursuing a deal,” said Kohl’s Chairman Pete Boneparth.

It was the second time this week that a major retailer retreated from a potential sale due to worsening economic conditions. Walgreen’s said Thursday that it was giving up on its hopes of selling its Boots business in the U.K.



Brent Walls of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network, left, teaches Robby Lewis-Nash, a staff writer for the environmental group Friends of Casco Bay in Portland, Maine, how to catch an airborne drone during a June 7 training session in Poolesville, Maryland. **JULIO CORTEZ/AP**

## Eyes in the sky spot polluters

### Camera-equipped drones help environmentalists find Clean Water Act violations

By **Michael Phillis and Julio Cortez**  
Associated Press

POOLESVILLE, Md. — When environmentalist Brent Walls saw a milky-white substance in a stream flowing through a rural stretch of central Pennsylvania, he suspected the nearby rock mine was violating the law.

Recent rains had filled the ponds at the mine that allow sediment to settle out of the water, but Walls couldn’t easily take a look because they were surrounded by private property. To quickly investigate and avoid trespassing, Walls captured images of the area with his drone.

“That’s when I found the illicit discharge,” he said. The photo of cloudy liquid provided evidence Walls used to accuse Specialty Granules LLC of violating the Clean Water Act.

Fifty years after that landmark legislation was signed into law, drones are giving environmentalists a new tool to capture wrongdoing where it is hard to see or expensive to

find, though their use to investigate polluters is still pretty rare, Walls said.

He would like them used more often. With the help of a grant, he trains drone pilots for the Waterkeeper Alliance, a global network of clean water groups. The nonprofit wants activists to know how to use the technology for storytelling and to collect evidence that companies are polluting rivers and streams.

The Clean Water Act allows individuals — not just federal officials — to enforce the law. But citizens who want to use drones to collect evidence must have a federally-issued pilot’s certificate and navigate layers of federal, state and local rules.

Walls is the Upper Potomac Riverkeeper and part of a riverkeeper network that has used drones in a handful of other instances to collect evidence of pollution and threaten lawsuits if they aren’t satisfied with how companies respond to allegations. Drones were used, for example, to investigate a West Virginia coal operation that allegedly discharged coal residue into a nearby river. Walls said drone footage helped push the company to clean up the site.

Technological advances have helped expand the drone market. Miriam McNabb, editor-in-chief of the trade publication

Dronelife, said drones are now easier to fly, capture better images and can be programmed to automatically conduct surveys and track changes over time.

After Walls presented Specialty Granules with his allegations in 2019, the company stopped discharges through the pipe the drone had identified and installed a filtration system that improved water quality.

Matthew McClure, vice president of operations at Specialty Granules, said in a statement that the drone images helped identify the discharge of nontoxic stormwater and that the company uses drones in its own operations. But McClure didn’t welcome the surprise inspection.

“Unscheduled drone overflies can present a distraction and potential accidents to employees who operate heavy machinery,” McClure said.

The ubiquity of drones that shoot video has also triggered privacy concerns. Cam Ward, a former Alabama state senator who is now director of the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles, sponsored a bill in 2020 to curtail drone use over “critical infrastructure,” a term that included mines, refineries, pipelines and natural gas plants.

“There has to be some expectation of privacy,” he said.

## Turkey denies access to US, German media

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkey’s media watchdog has banned access to the Turkish services of U.S. public service broadcaster Voice of America and German broadcaster Deutsche Welle, prompting complaints of censorship.

The Supreme Board of Radio and Television enforced a February warning to the two companies which air Turkish-language television content online to apply for a broadcast license or be blocked. An Ankara court ruled to restrict access to their websites late Thursday.

Neither website was available in Turkey on Friday. Deutsche Welle is German taxpayer-funded and Voice of America is

funded by the U.S. government through the U.S. Agency for Global Media.

In a statement, Deutsche Welle said it did not comply with the licensing requirement because it “would have allowed the Turkish government to censor editorial content.”

Director general Peter Limbourg said this was explained in detail to the Turkish radio and TV board, abbreviated as RTUK.

“For example, media licensed in Turkey are required to delete online content that RTUK interprets as inappropriate. This is simply unacceptable for an independent broadcaster. DW will take legal action against the blocking that has now taken place,” Limbourg said.

The German government said it took note of the reports “with regret.”

RTUK dismissed any criticism in a statement Friday, saying that “no one needs to have uncertainties on the freedom of expression or press, worry unnecessarily or incriminate our Supreme Board that is doing its duties based on legal grounds.”

The RTUK board is dominated by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s ruling party and its nationalist allies, and regularly fines critical broadcasters.

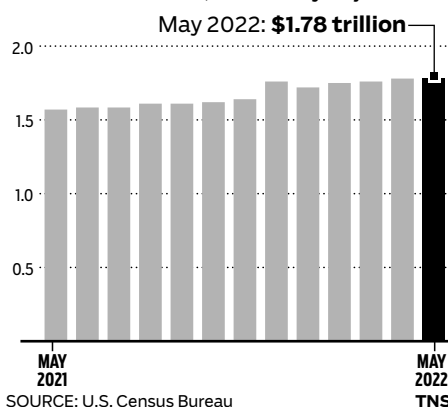
Voice of America noted in February that while licensing for TV and radio broadcasts is a norm because broadcast airwaves are finite resources, the internet does not have limited bandwidth. “The only possible purpose of a licensing requirement for internet distribution is enabling censorship,” VOA said in a statement then.

### Construction spending

May construction spending in the U.S. rose 0.1% from April.

#### CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

In billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted



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A ship is loaded with liquefied natural gas, made up mainly of methane, at Ras Laffan Sea Port in Qatar. Qatar Energy is joining an initiative to drastically reduce methane emissions. **AP**

Qatar Energy joins initiative to erase methane emissions

By Aya Batrawy  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The state-owned oil and gas company Qatar Energy has announced that it is joining a new industry-led initiative to reduce nearly all methane emissions from operations by 2030.

The move this week comes as part of a broader global push to tackle emissions from methane, or natural gas, which is the second most polluting climate-changing gas after carbon dioxide, and much more potent.

Unlike carbon dioxide, though, methane's leakage into the atmosphere is not the result of combustion or fuel-burning; instead, it represents the loss of a marketable fuel.

Methane is responsible for about a quarter of the climate change already being experienced worldwide.

Technology has allowed energy companies, independent groups and citizen sleuths to monitor methane leakage with cameras, drones and satellites. This monitoring along with

greater climate change awareness is pushing companies to reduce their methane emissions and fix leakages from faulty pipes.

With Monday's pledge, Qatar Energy joins an initiative launched in March by 12 other major oil and gas companies, including Aramco, BP, Chevron, ExxonMobil, TotalEnergies and Shell.

Qatar is among the world's top liquefied natural gas exporters and Qatar Energy operates all of the country's oil and gas exploration and production, making the peninsula the world's richest per capita. The country, which borders Saudi Arabia, shares control with Iran of the world's largest underwater natural gas field in the Persian Gulf.

Natural gas, which primarily consists of methane, forms the backbone of Qatar's economy and Qatar Energy's activities. Leaks of methane by oil and gas companies not only harm the environment, but are also a waste of natural gas.

"Making repairs to prevent leaks can often be paid for by the value of the additional gas that is

brought to market," according to a report by the International Energy Agency last year on methane leaks.

Private satellite companies that monitor methane emissions say they saw a dramatic acceleration of emissions from oil, methane and coal in 2021, compared to 2020 when the pandemic slowed demand. The International Energy Agency's methane tracking found that oil and gas operations worldwide emitted more than 70 million tons of methane into the atmosphere in 2021, describing it as broadly equivalent to the total energy-related carbon dioxide emissions from the entire European Union.

The IEA also noted that companies that do not do more to curb methane emissions could face reputational damage and commercial risks as consumers increasingly look at the emissions profile of different sources of gas.

Qatar Energy CEO Saad al-Kaabi said that by joining the Aiming for Zero Methane Emissions Initiative, the company is reaffirming Qatar's commitments to global efforts to reducing emissions.

Execs largely unscathed by devastation of crypto's crash

By David Yaffe-Bellany  
The New York Times

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The cryptocurrency market was in ruins. But Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss were jamming.

The billionaire twins, best known for their supporting role in the creation of Facebook, shimmied across the stage with their new cover band, Mars Junction, at a concert venue outside Denver last week, the latest stop on a coast-to-coast tour. They belted out hits such as Journey's "Don't Stop Believin." Tickets cost \$25.

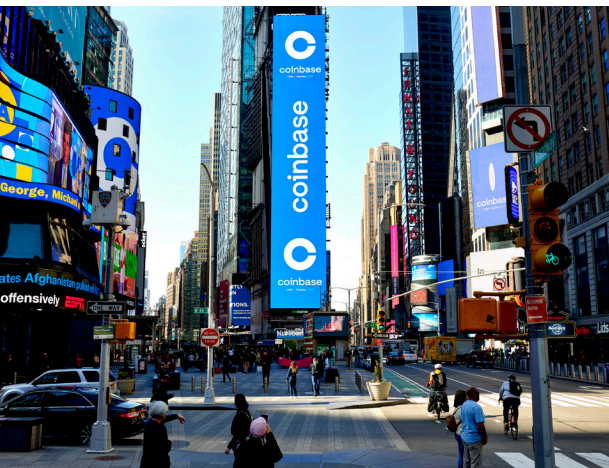
The Winklevosses were moonlighting as rockers weeks after their \$7 billion company, Gemini, which offers a platform for buying and selling digital currencies, laid off 10% of its staff. Since early May, more than \$700 billion has been wiped out in a devastating crypto crash, plunging investors into financial ruin and forcing companies to slash costs.

"Constraint is the mother of innovation and difficult times are a forcing function for focus," the Winklevosses, who are 40, said in a recent note about the layoffs.

Cryptocurrencies have long been held up as a vehicle for economic empowerment. Enthusiasts promote the digital coins — which are exchanged using networks of computers that verify transactions, rather than through a centralized entity such as a bank — as a means for people of all backgrounds to achieve transformational wealth outside the traditional finance system.

But for all those supposedly egalitarian principles, crypto's collapse has revealed a yawning divide: As employees of crypto companies lose their jobs and ordinary investors suffer huge losses, top executives have emerged relatively unscathed.

No crypto investor has fully escaped the down-



Coinbase's initial public offering is displayed in New York. Amid a cryptocurrency crash, the company laid off 1,100 workers in June. **GABBY JONES/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021**

turn. But a small group of industry titans accumulated immense wealth as prices spiked over the last two years. Many of them bought bitcoin, ether and other virtual currencies years ago, when prices were a small fraction of their current value. Some locked in their gains early, selling parts of their crypto holdings. Others run publicly traded crypto companies and cashed out of their stock or invested in real estate.

By contrast, many amateur traders flooded into the crypto market during the COVID-19 pandemic, when prices had already started soaring. Some poured in their life savings. Thousands also flocked to work for crypto companies, thinking it was a ticket to new riches. Now many of them have seen their savings vanish or have lost their jobs.

The combined fortunes of the 16 richest crypto billionaires exceeded \$135 billion in March, Forbes estimated. As of this week, the total was about \$76 billion, but most of the loss was suffered by Changpeng Zhao, CEO of the crypto exchange Binance, whose \$65 billion fortune shrank to \$174 billion.

Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, whose wealth was \$4 billion apiece before the crash, were each worth \$3.3 billion this week, according to Forbes. They declined to comment.

The uneven effects of the crash are evident even within crypto companies. Coinbase, the largest crypto exchange in the United States, went public in April 2021 when interest in digital currencies was surging. As part of the company's public listing, CEO Brian Armstrong sold nearly \$300 million worth of stock.

In total, six of Coinbase's top executives have sold shares worth more than \$850 million since April 2021, according to Equilar, which tracks executive compensation. Coinbase's stock, which peaked at about \$357 in November, now trades at about \$50.

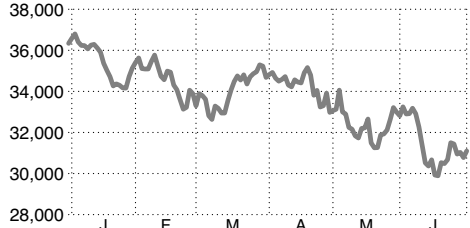
Last month, as Coinbase grappled with falling prices and declining consumer interest in crypto, it laid off about 1,100 workers. Armstrong said the company had "over-hired."

Coinbase also rescinded hundreds of job offers. Some of those new hires had already quit their previous jobs, or were relying on Coinbase to maintain their work visas.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, July 2, 2022

▲ <b>DOW</b> 31,097.26 +321.83	▼ <b>10-YR T-BOND</b> 2.90% -.07	▼ <b>GOLD</b> \$1,798.90 -5.20
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	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	31,097.26	+321.83	-14.42%
DOW Trans.	13,289.43	+132.53	-19.35%
DOW Util.	992.63	+23.33	+1.21%
NYSE Comp.	14,636.76	+149.11	-14.72%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,127.85	+99.11	-28.87%
S&P 500	3,825.33	+39.95	-19.74%
S&P 400	2,295.89	+26.97	-19.22%
Wilshire 5000	37,997.76	+433.53	-21.59%
Russell 2000	1,727.76	+19.77	-23.05%

Commodities			
	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	108.43	105.76	+44.17%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	5.73	5.42	+53.62%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.69	3.63	+65.50%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,798.90	1,804.10	-1.56%
Silver (oz)	19.60	20.28	-15.99%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates	
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ ForEx	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Britain	1.2098	.8266	Prime rate 4.75 4.75
Canada	.7760	1.2887	3-mo. T-Bill 1.69 1.72
China	.1492	6.7010	6-mo. T-Bill 2.50 2.31
Euro	1.0426	.9592	5-yr T-Note 2.88 3.38
Japan	.007393	135.26	10-yr T-Note 2.90 3.39
Mexico	.049437	20.2278	30-yr T-Bond 3.13 3.41

Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt	12,813.03	+29.26	+2.33% -19.34%
London	7,168.65	-.63	-.01% -2.92%
Hong Kong	21,859.79	...	% -6.57%
Nikkei	25,935.62	-457.42	-1.73% -9.92%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	13.53	-.02	-50.3
AT&T Inc (T)	21.31	+.35	-13.4
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	73.67	-2.80	-48.8
Agile Therapeutics (AGRX)	.64	-.53	-96.7
Akebia Therapeutics (AKBA)	.39	+.04	-82.8
Akerna Corp (KERN)	.15	+.01	-91.4
Allena Pharmaceutical (ALNA)	.21	+.02	-64.2
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	109.56	+3.35	-34.3
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.13	+.45	-26.9
Amphenol Corp (APH)	63.75	-.63	-27.1
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.08	+.17	-22.3
Apple Inc (AAPL)	138.93	+2.21	-21.8
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.83	+1.71	-.4
Bank of America (BAC)	31.56	+.43	-29.1
Barnes Group (B)	31.55	+.41	-32.3
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1767.98	+18.99	-26.3
Borgs Technologies (BRQS)	1.74	+.07	-70.8
Brickell Biotech Inc (BBI)	.10	-.03	-57.2
Bristl Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.84	-.16	+23.2
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	93.94	+1.28	-.8
Carnival Corp (CCL)	8.82	+.17	-56.2
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	36.00	+.34	-33.6
Charter Commun (CHTR)	480.92	+12.39	-26.2
Cigna Corp (CI)	268.03	+4.51	+16.7
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	42.60	-.04	-32.8
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)	15.76	+.39	-27.6
Clovis Oncology Inc (CLVS)	2.85	+1.05	+5.2
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	40.29	+1.05	-19.9
Coupage (CPNG)	15.04	+2.29	-48.8
Disney (DIS)	96.14	+1.74	-37.9
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	103.02	+.06	-19.1
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.57	+.10	-84.8
Ethan Allen (ETD)	20.54	+.33	-21.9
Eversource Energy (ES)	87.15	+2.68	-.4
Bioform Biosciences (EVFM)	.91	-.22	-83.9
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.12	+.00	-86.9
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	87.55	+1.91	+43.1
Ford Motor (F)	11.32	+.19	-45.5
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.78	+.03	-27.3
Gen Dynamics (GD)	223.86	+2.61	+7.4
Gen Electric (GE)	63.54	-.13	-32.7
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.38	-.15	-66.6
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	66.24	+.81	-.4
Honeywell Intl (HON)	175.11	+1.30	-16.0
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.90	+.36	-25.3

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.85	+.34	-25.5
Intel Corp (INTC)	36.34	-1.07	-29.4
Kaman (KAMN)	31.60	+.35	-26.8
Keycorp (KEY)	17.50	+.27	-24.3
Kohls Corp (KSS)	28.68	-7.01	-41.9
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	47.59	+.82	-30.3
M&T Bank (MTB)	159.71	+.32	+4.0
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	30.00	+1.05	-33.2
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	160.03	-1.22	-52.4
MetLife Inc (MET)	63.68	+.89	+1.9
Micron Tech (MU)	53.65	-1.63	-42.4
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.08	+.06	-79.3
Novartis AG (NVS)	84.36	-.17	-3.6
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	145.23	-6.36	-50.6
Occid Petl (OXY)	60.44	+1.56	+108.5
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	71.90	+1.23	-17.4
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.27	+.20	-49.1
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	52.31	-.12	-11.4
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.68	+.06	-44.5
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	97.42	+1.74	-10.0
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	64.67	+1.39	-3.1
Quoin Pharma Ltd ADS (QNRX)	.61	+.16	-66.3
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	97.02	+.91	+12.7
Rogers Corp (ROG)	261.00	-1.09	-4.4
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	35.07	+2.21	-66.0
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	58.83	+.76	-28.2
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	6.34	+.09	+36.1
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	107.29	+2.43	-43.1
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	21.22	+.33	-12.7
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.33	+.01	-42.4
Terex Corp (TEX)	27.93	+.56	-36.5
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	681.79	+8.37	-35.5
Travelers Cos (TRV)	171.18	+2.05	+9.4
United Rentals (URI)	244.36	+1.45	-26.5
VirtualHealth Group (UNH)	517.40	+3.77	+3.0
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	173.75	+2.73	-41.5
Voya Financial (VOYA)	60.71	+1.18	-8.4
Travelers Financial (WBS)	42.67	+.52	-23.6
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1259.14	+13.01	+24.2
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	62.56	+.07	+26.8
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	48.15	-.01	-37.8
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	14.12	-.73	-37.6

Independence...For You??

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that FEAR HIM, upon them that hope in His Mercy” (Psalm 33:12, 18).

“Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof” (Leviticus 25:10 as inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia)

INDEPENDENCE

One of America's greatest historic foundational documents, The Declaration of Independence, was approved on July 4, 1776 by the Continental Congress and signed by John Hancock in the city of Philadelphia. George Washington said that The Declaration marked “an experiment on the practicability of republican government, and with what dose of liberty man could be trusted for his own good.” The independence in this American republic was to be free from foreign control, free to follow and to find its dependence upon God. When we fail to rightly exercise our founding documents, we fail to find their wonderful influence in our daily living, even Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

DEPENDENCE

What we forget is that, in declaring independence from an earthly power, our forefathers made a forthright declaration of DEPENDENCE UPON ALMIGHTY GOD. The closing words of this historic document solemnly declare: “With a firm RELIANCE on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.” Fifty-six men placed their names beneath that pledge and they lived up to it. They personally paid a great price for the freedoms we now enjoy.

TRUE FREEDOM

Our country was founded upon the basis of an idea – LIBERTY. It was not to be a FREEDOM FROM GOD which always leads to license and ultimate slavery but rather a FREEDOM BUILT UPON GOD AND HIS WORD. Freedom is not free but must be earned anew by each succeeding generation. “Liberty without obedience is confusion. Obedience without liberty is slavery” (William Penn). Rights without responsibility are the seeds of anarchy (disorder, violence). The issue is not freedom from want, war, etc. but the issue is freedom to work, worship, buy, sell, to succeed, to fail, etc.

TERRIBLE SLAVERY

“Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin” (John 8:34). America today is experiencing the effects of FORGETTING the God of our Fathers. We need to be reminded of a solemn warning that God gave to another great nation which had just been declared independent from bondage to another nation. Although written over 3,000 years ago it applied to modern America today: “What nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou FORGET the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them to thy sons, and thy sons' sons... Then beware lest thou FORGET the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage... And it shall be, if thou do at all FORGET the LORD thy God, and walk after other dogs, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyed before you face, so shall ye perish: because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God” (Deuteronomy 4:8-9; 6:12; 8:19-20).

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but SIN is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34). “For the WAGES of SIN is death; but the gift of God is eternal LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord” (ROM. 6:23). “If the Son therefore shall make you FREE, ye shall be FREE INDEED” (John 8:36). “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead THOU SHALT BE SAVED.” (Romans 10-9)

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Crippling supply a factor in gas prices

Recent media coverage about ultrahigh gasoline prices have placed much of the blame on oil company greed. While this might be a factor, a neglected and significant cause is also “supply and demand.” President Joe Biden has severely restricted domestic supply through efforts to cripple fossil fuels. Ignore the economic law of supply and demand at your peril.

**William J. McGurk, Somers**

### Letter writer uncertain of what America is about

Michael Agranoff [letter, “Why does Courant give Biden a free pass?”] accuses The Courant of bias. It is reasonable to challenge the media, but one would hope that the accuser would come to the table with clean hands. Mr. Agranoff does not. At age 80, he claims that until Joe Biden became president, “we have had gasoline.” Presumably, he meant in abundance. Really? Where was Mr. Agranoff in the 1970s, when I was allowed to buy gas only on odd — or even — numbered days, based upon my license plate?

And while he claims that the country is “collapsing under [Biden],” he says it was not under Donald Trump. Really? Is paying \$5 per gallon a greater threat to the country than a hideous mob attacking our Capitol, just 40 feet from assassinating our vice president for fulfilling his constitutional duty, and fulfilling Mr. Trump’s desire to override the will of the democratic majority? Before you attack The Courant of bias, Mr. Agranoff, clean your hands. And learn what our country is all about. It isn’t about the price of gasoline.

**Jonathan Pease, Newington**

### Trump started mess Biden has inherited

I write in response to a June 20 letter, “Why does Courant give Biden a free pass?” The writer bemoans the politics of inflationary oil prices, writing: “Yes, detest Trump all you want. But the country was not collapsing under him.” I suggest that when things “collapse” it is wise not only to assess immediate damages, but also to examine and understand antecedents and underlying causes of the collapse before you blame those currently in the midst of it. In simpler words: Who started this and why?

**Lyn G. Brakeman, Simsbury**

### ‘Kiss My Aztec!’ production enjoyable, review was not

The Sunday review of “Kiss My Aztec!” falls into the old fogey bin. My husband and I are in our 70s and totally enjoyed the production. It is not “My Fair Lady” for sure, but it is funny, creative and has a wonderfully talented cast. The voices were amazing. No one who loves musical theater should miss this. It is headed to Broadway for sure.

**Mary Louise Stover, Glastonbury**

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Abortion-rights demonstrator Jessica Smith holds a sign in front of the Hamilton County Courthouse on May 14 in Chattanooga, Tenn. A federal court on Tuesday allowed Tennessee’s ban on abortion as early as six weeks into pregnancy to take effect. **BEN MARGOT/AP**

## OP-ED

# Preparing engaged citizens for life after Roe v. Wade

By **Sonia Cardenas**

Educators like me will have a hard time explaining the overturn of Roe v. Wade to an already-despondent generation of students. The way forward is to double-down on preparing students for civic engagement and leadership in a rough-and-tumble democracy.

First and foremost, the overturn of Roe v. Wade will require informed doers who can confront the inevitable harm that will fall on women and their health. According to data-informed research, we can expect women seeking an abortion to be marginalized and mistreated, to suffer discrimination, and to have their basic right to health care curtailed. We will need people to care and advocate for these women and their families.

The impact of these changes will also disproportionately affect young women from marginalized backgrounds, including women of color and poor women and those in abusive relationships. We will need people attuned to these dynamics and experiences who can speak to these issues and keep them at the forefront of our collective conscience.

We will need a generation of

engaged citizens who understand that Friday’s Supreme Court decision will impact every woman in this country who is now being told that she isn’t allowed to make her own choices, and that the state will make them for her. This will seep into the American workplace, where women are still paid 82 cents compared to every dollar a man earns.

At every level of society, we will need critical thinkers and leaders who show nuance in the face of complex problems and who are fearlessly committed to building inclusive communities in response to conflict. The Supreme Court’s reversal was, in contrast, all about overreach and ideology, with remarkable disregard for societal consequences.

As Chief Justice John Roberts said, the decision revealed “a relentless freedom from doubt.” What drives such an insistence to overturn a decades-old precedent, knowing that it will divide a divided country during the most trying of times? How do we better prepare people who show empathy despite differences and are inclined to exercise restraint for the greater good?

It’s no secret, Justice Clarence Thomas admitted, that the door is now open to other consequen-

tial reversals by the Supreme Court, including the ability to choose a marriage partner freely or to access contraception. We will need people who can engage effectively in the democratic process, working tirelessly to protect the right of all people to marry and to uphold rights to reproductive freedom.

During such a tumultuous time in our history, this moment stands as an urgent call for educators, mentors and parents to actively support young people. This extends to particular vocations, such as artists who can give expression to pain and dislocation and to scientists who help ground our laws and policies in facts and evidence-based knowledge.

We will need globally minded citizens, familiar with a broad scope of practices beyond our national borders. This includes those well-versed in the work of groups like the World Health Organization, which track the futility and physical harm that follows outlawing abortion.

These are not the first things we might think of when responding to Roe v. Wade’s reversal, but educating young people is the only way forward. Although this might be the “resilient generation,” they

cannot climb this mountain alone. We will have to prepare our young people with the education, experiences and support to muster the will and develop the skills to reshape the world we’ve all been handed into a more equitable and inclusive place.

This isn’t about politics or competing views of justice. It’s about keeping our stated commitments as a society not to exclude, mistreat, or harm people based on who they are. It’s our promise not to discriminate, while upholding the equal dignity and worth of every human being. That’s what’s at stake at this crucial moment.

We’re very fortunate that Connecticut is a safe harbor for the protection of rights and health equity. This puts us at the forefront of bold and innovative thinking about how we prepare young people to meet these challenges.

Friday’s Supreme Court decision calls on all of us to use the transformative power of education on behalf of the public good.

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## OP-ED

# Smart policy on homelessness requires empathy, not contempt

By **E.J. Dionne Jr.**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — These days, homelessness is considered far less in relation to the suffering of those living on the streets and more as a “quality of life” issue. The focus, especially in election campaigns, is on middle-class people distressed and sometimes harassed by those without a home.

Of course, makeshift tent cities are not what public parks were built for. And people hurrying to work have a right to be upset about what are sometimes deeply disconcerting interactions with troubled people.

But there is a moral and practical obligation to avoid dehumanizing fellow human beings who have fallen on difficult times, and purely punitive policies will never resolve homelessness.

Empathy is a better guide to problem-solving than contempt. For taking us down this path, we can be grateful to Wendy Abrams, an artist and environmental activist who created the stirring exhibit “Invisible Words.”

Abrams went about collecting the signs that homeless people hold, usually when pleading for help on the streets. In her hands, works of desperation are transformed into works of art. And like all good art, the display reaches into both the mind and the heart. There is nothing precious or

contrived about the exhibit that ended last week at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in downtown Washington. The signs were framed in a simple but elegant way — a mark of respect. One after another, without any editorial comment, they reflect the complicated emotions of the human beings who made them: pride co-exists with shame; anger goes alongside a longing for connection.

“Poverty and homelessness will never be eliminated, but they can be humiliated,” reads one. “I want to remind all fortunate people of what they’ve forgotten: The Unfortunate.”

Many convey an intense sense of personal responsibility.

“Please help. Please. I’m not a bad girl. I just made bad decisions.”

“Please help. Homeless, Alone and Ashamed. Seeking a random act of kindness. Thank you. God bless.”

“Not my proudest moment. Never thought this could happen.”

Also evident, and remarkable, is the empathy that the signs display from those who made them for the people made uneasy as they walk past. One used a stylish script and a laugh emoji to declare: “This is awkward 4 me, too.”

“Need a miracle,” reads another.

“Vet. No Job. I don’t like this. I just need a little help. God bless.”

Yes, God is much on the minds of the forsaken.

The sponsorship of the exhibit’s Washington stop by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, a service program for older people rooted in Jesuit ideals, reflects the display’s purpose, described as “an exercise in empathy.”

“When we become disconnected from one another,” Mary McGinnity, the organization’s president and chief executive, told me, “when we lose our capacity for compassion for one another, we lose our humanity.”

The imperative is to transform the backlash against homelessness into effective and comprehensive national policies on housing and substance abuse.

The essential step, said Steve Berg, vice president for programs and policy at the National Alliance to End Homelessness, is to understand homelessness first and foremost is a housing market problem.

Yes, roughly 40% of homeless people suffer from “substance use, mental illness or both,” according to Berg, but that means a majority do not. It’s important to ask, “Why can’t we get treatment for people who are dealing with substance use?” he said in an interview. But even more critical is recognizing how the cost of housing puts it out of reach of too many.

Any long-term solution will require more affordable housing. In the meantime, Berg

calls for recognizing that rent voucher programs currently reach only about a quarter of those who are eligible.

“Everybody who is eligible for Medicaid can sign up, and they will get Medicaid,” Berg noted. “Everyone who’s eligible for food stamps, for the SNAP program, they can sign up, and they will get help affording food. But with the housing programs, for whatever historical reasons, they’ve never been set up that way.”

Berg argued that we need to see housing as no less of a necessity than nutrition or health care. And a better rapid-response system would “engage people who have lost their housing, keep them safe and get them back into housing as quickly as possible.”

There’s nothing wrong with wanting safer, more orderly environments. Indicting city dwellers troubled by the chaos they sometimes experience on urban streets will get us nowhere. But the very stability and order they seek will endure only if all of us “fortunate people” try to meet the homeless on their own terms.

“All these people living on the streets is bad,” Berg said. “Who holds that opinion the most strongly? The people living on the streets.” The signs they carry remind us of this every day.

*E.J. Dionne Jr. writes about politics for The Washington Post.*

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Connecticut

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Invitation to Bid

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Starting June 27, 2022, CRT RFP# McKinney  
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Any questions should be directed to Jeanette  
Dunbar, Purchasing Manager @ [dunbarj@crtct.org](mailto:dunbarj@crtct.org).

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energy-efficient, wood-framed, construction assemblies. Project complies with  
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camera security system. **All trades are required.**

The contract subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements,  
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minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract  
to be set aside for subcontractors holding current certification from the  
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### Connecticut

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
JUVENILE MATTERS**

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Jenna Barber, mother of child born  
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A petition has been filed seeking:  
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private or public agency or a suitable and  
worthy person.

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can affect your parental rights, if any, regard-  
ing minor child(ren) will be heard on 7/21/22  
at 2:00 PM at Superior Court, Juvenile  
Matter, 920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT.

Hearing on the order of temporary cus-  
tody will be heard on 7/8/22 @ 9:00 AM at  
Superior Court, Juvenile Matter 920 Broad  
Street, Hartford, CT.  
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the  
hearing of this petition be given by publishing  
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon  
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Hartford, CT.

Judge: Hon. Tara Knight  
Signed: Matthew Stackpole - Clerk  
Date Signed: 6/30/22

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
JUVENILE MATTERS**

**NOTICE TO: KRISTA WALDRON, MOTHER  
OF A FEMALE BORN ON 11/15/19 TO FATHER, JESSE BOUCHER OF PARTS  
UNKNOWN.**

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8/10/2022 at 10:45AM, at 20 Franklin Sq.  
3rd Floor, New Britain CT 06051.

Hearing on an Order of Temporary Custody  
will be heard on: 7/8/2022 at 9:00AM, at 20  
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Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the  
hearing of this petition be given by publish-  
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Judge: Carl E Taylor  
Signed: Peter J. Fradiani Deputy Clerk  
Date signed: June 28, 2022

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
JUVENILE MATTERS**

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<b>Farmington</b> Scott R. Devoe Josefine Grau	<b>Out of State</b> Donna S. Ribera
<b>Hartford</b> John J Barrett Janine Kuehn	<b>Plainville</b> Scott R. Devoe
<b>Manchester</b> John J Barrett	<b>Torrington</b> Dolores M. Fedorowicz
<b>Middletown</b> Janine Kuehn John A. Mattera	<b>Waterbury</b> Maryellen Crowley
	<b>West Hartford</b> Marvin Peck

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Bean, Ronald

Ronald C. Bean, 59, of Stafford Springs, CT passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT. He was born in Hartford, CT, on of the late Earl and Mary (Chapman) Bean. Ron was a truck driver for Liberty Moving and Storage, Inc., and was a member of the Strazza, Tonoli-Emhoff Post No. 26 American Legion in Stafford. He enjoyed going on motorcycle rides and attending swap meets. Ron is survived by his daughter, Amber Foss and her husband Edward Houser; their son, Hudson; two brothers, David and Robert Bean; aunt and uncle, Bob and Ruth Fortin; cousin, Larry Fortin, Jr. and his wife Amiee; their son, Larry III; and his close friends, Fred Newman and Manny Brainard. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022 from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post No. 26, 10 Monson Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. To leave a message of sympathy, or for directions, please visit: [www.introvignefuneral-home.com](http://www.introvignefuneral-home.com)

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Barrett, John J



John “Jack” Barrett, 83, died on November 19, 2019. He was joined in heaven by his wife, Sheila Sullivan Barrett on July 19, 2020. Jack was born in Derby, CT and grew up in Manchester, CT. From 1954-1965, Jack served in the Connecticut National Guard leaving as a Captain. Also in 1954, he began his career in the elevator industry eventually starting his own business “Elevator One.” He was a proud lifelong member of the IUEC, Local 91.

Jack and Sheila moved to San Diego and Jack became a dedicated member of the Seven Oaks Woodcrafters Club and the Rancho Bernardo Emergency Radio Service, as a licensed ham radio operator. Jack also loved his garden and, in the winter, he relished telling his New England family and friends about the fresh fruit in his backyard.

When his grandson Wyatt was born, Jack was overjoyed. The two spent many hours together in the garden and were constantly laughing and joking around.

He is survived by his daughter Mary-Ellen Barrett Evans (Colin), his grandson Wyatt Evans, his sisters Eileen “Sweetie” Hawley and Deborah Salewski (Fran), many nieces and nephews, and his beloved cousins

There will be a memorial service on for Sheila and Jack on July 8th, 2022, at 12 pm at Malloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06119. Visitation hours will be from 11-12 on the same date. Realizing that COVID is still with us, the family is happy to receive condolences at [connecticutmeb@gmail.com](mailto:connecticutmeb@gmail.com)

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DeVoe, R. Scott



R. Scott DeVoe, 56, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, June 26, 2022. He was the husband of Sherry (Riley) DeVoe, with whom he shared the past 34 years.

Born in Southington on July 15, 1965, he was the son of Robert DeVoe of Holland, MA and the late Lita (Nadeau) DeVoe. Raised and educated in Plainville, he was a graduate of Plainville High School, and furthered his education at Bryant University where he was a member of the TKE Fraternity. A talented builder and owner/operator of DeVoe Builders, Scott took great pride in creating and renovating countless beautiful homes throughout the state. A devoted husband, father and delighted grandfather as of two weeks ago, his greatest joy was being surrounded by his children and extended family, and making memories at their lake home at Hamilton Reservoir. Remembered for his hard work ethics, sassy sarcasm and love for his family, he will be missed dearly.

In addition to his wife Sherry and his father, Robert, he leaves his daughters, Kelsey Butler, her husband, James and their newborn son, James Butler, III of Holland, MA; and Ally DeVoe Cornelius and her husband Janco of Boston, MA; his son, Matt DeVoe and his partner, Jenna Tetreau of Boston, MA; his brother, Mike DeVoe, his wife Kris and their children, Ava and Willa of Medfield, MA; his in-laws, Ernie and Cathy Riley of Ludlow, VT and Diane and Arn Orschel of Bristol; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve, Lisa, Stacy, and Scott Riley and Arnie and Eric Orschel; his nieces and nephews, Andrew, Katie and Cassie Riley and Ayden and Aleah Orschel; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and business associates. In lieu of flowers, Scott may be remembered with contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children at [www.shrinerschildren.org](http://www.shrinerschildren.org) Family and friends may gather in celebration of Scott’s life on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. Words of remembrance will be shared at 1:00 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)



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OBITUARIES

Fedorowicz, Dolores M. (Zbuska)



Dolores, (D...) Zbuska Fedorowicz, age 87, passed away at her home in Burlington CT on June 29th, 2022, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Stanley Fedorowicz, her sister Geraldine (Geri) Burke of Phoenix, AZ, her brother-in-law Raymond S. Kowalec of Harwinton, CT, her beloved nephew Raymond M. Kowalec and his wife Mary of Burlington, CT and their children Abbey and Trenton of New York along with a multitude of nieces and nephews.

D... was a gifted and professionally recognized artist and craftswoman having been published in Better Homes and Gardens. Her studio workshop was her joy. Captain of the cheerleaders – THS class of 1952 - she was vibrant, energetic and enthusiastic. She would light up a room with her wit and charm. Her positive attitude was contagious. D... had a deeply rooted compassion and empathy for her pets – Posha, Seuss and Raggs. She was selfless and always available to her family and friends. We will be forever grateful for having her in our lives.

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Kuehn, Janine (Brennish)



Janine (Brennish) Kuehn, 75, of Hartford and formerly of Middletown, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2022, surrounded by loved ones. Janine is survived by her husband, William, son Douglas, son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Laura, grandchildren Andrew and Elsa, son Michael and daughter-in-law Genine and granddaughters Mikayla, Alexis, and Emelia. She is also survived by her brother Jan and sister Sonya. Janine was born and raised in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania. She studied interior design at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and worked for many years as a floral designer. She was an accomplished watercolor artist and many of her paintings beautify the homes of friends and family. Janine loved the Lord and regularly shared the hope she had with those around her.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 am on July 16, 2022, at Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church in Wethersfield, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson’s research. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit [www.doolittle-funeralservice.com](http://www.doolittle-funeralservice.com).

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Mattera, John A.



John Mattera, 68, most recently of Chapel Hill, passed away on April 8, 2022 after a battle with cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Tony and Rose (Santoro) Mattera. John attended the Valley Stream schools and graduated from Central High School in 1970. He went on to attend Goddard College and received a Bachelor of Arts in

1975 and years later earned a Master of Arts from the University of Colorado Boulder. John was an English teacher for many years in Vermont and enjoyed directing and producing plays with the drama club. He was a writer and published over two dozen plays and short stories. His most well-known adaptation of Dracula continues to be widely produced in the United States and Canada. His other popular stage productions include You Don’t Have to Die, I am Legend, and Time After Time. John won the Shubert Fendrich Memorial Playwriting Contest with his adaptation of Oscar Wilde’s classic The Picture of Dorian Gray. He spent much of the last three decades as a principal, most recently at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. John had the utmost respect for his sister Marlene and his brother-in-law Tom who had taught him the meaning of giving and kindness. John leaves behind his, son Marshall Mattera; daughter Abby (Sean) Bleything; son Tatiana Mattera; daughter Natasha Mattera; grandchildren Cai and Atticus Bleything; sister Marlene (Tom) Fitzsimmons; and brother Ronnie (Regina) Mattera. A private memorial service will take place on July 16, 2022. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the [YoungWritersProject.org](http://YoungWritersProject.org).

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Peck, Marvin



Marvin Peck of West Hartford died peacefully at his home on June 29 just 3 days shy of his 100th birthday. During his working years, he owned and operated Peck Dental Lab, helping many happy patients to smile. He enjoyed a full life of many interests - traveling, sailing, skiing, loved his sportscars, and his favorite beverage scotch. He was a medic in the army stationed



in the Philipines during World War II. You could always find him either telling or listening to a good joke. He was a lifetime member of the National Ski Patrol and truly enjoyed teaching others how to ski.

Marvin was predeceased by his wife of 70 years Lorraine Miller Peck. He leaves his son Robert Peck and his daughter Elise Peck Sanford and her husband Jeffrey Sanford.

Funeral services will be held at gravesite on July 6 at 10 am at Hartford Mutual Society Memorial Park, 74 Wolcott Road in East Granby. A gathering after the funeral to celebrate him will be held following the service at Delamar Hotel, 1 Memorial Road West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

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Ribera, Donna S.



Donna Szymaszek Ribera, 75, of Wallingford, died June 24, 2022 at MidState Medical Center. She was the beloved wife of John Ribera. Donna was born in New Haven at the Hospital of St. Raphael, June 24, 1947, a daughter of the late Raymond V. and Rachel (Pranzettelli) Szymaszek. Donna attended Southern Connecticut State College,

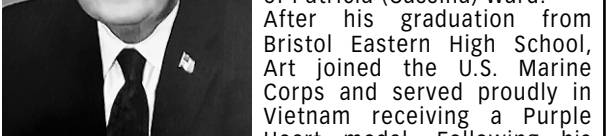
where she majored in early childhood education, teaching art for the Student Learning Center. Later, she became a sales associate for G. Fox, Filenes, as well as Macys for over 30 years. She was a lifelong resident of Wallingford and was proud to live in the town where she grew up. She was an avid gardener, having learned her talents from her parents who both had green thumbs as big as the gardens they grew. Donna grew the most delicious beefsteak tomatoes, learning as a child, how to skillfully preserve them with her mother and Aunts. Donna was a consummate artist; she hand-crafted, among many things, Victorian-inspired cards, which she lovingly sent to family and friends. She created beautiful floral wreaths that she faithfully displayed for every single season. Among her most cherished works of art were the paintings, drawings, and other crafts that she created with her grandchildren. Perhaps her single most important accomplishment were her Italian meatballs, that she would fry in her cast iron skillet. Daughter Charlene would eat them faster than she could fry them and were granddaughter Liliana’s favorite food. Recently, along with her best friend and ‘baby’ cousin, she had been researching her ancestry, as well as writing her life story. In addition to her husband John, she is survived by her daughter Charlene Ribera-Pepin and son-in-law Thomas Pepin; her precious twin grandchildren Chase and Liliana, whom she loved with all her heart; niece Ashley Ribera and family; as well as many cousins and family whom she adored. Her family will receive relatives and friends in The Wallingford Funeral Home, 809 N. Main St. Ext., on Tuesday, July 5th from 4 to 7pm. Out of respect for the family, masks are required at the visitation. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 10am directly at Most Holy Trinity Church, 84 N. Colony St., Wallingford. Interment will be private. Gifts in her memory may be sent to Heifer International (<https://www.heifer.org/give/giving-in-honor.html>) [www.wallingfordfh.com](http://www.wallingfordfh.com)

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Ward, Arthur J.



Arthur “Art” J. Ward, 75, former Mayor of Bristol, passed away at his home on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Son of the late Jack and Mary (Hartney) Ward, Art was the beloved husband of Patricia (Cassina) Ward.



After his graduation from Bristol Eastern High School, Art joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served proudly in Vietnam receiving a Purple Heart medal. Following his service, Art vowed to make veterans a priority and accomplished this through his active membership and participation in numerous veterans’ organizations, his constant advocacy of veterans, and his work as a Veteran Services Officer for the State of CT. His years of service was recognized through his induction into the Veterans Hall of Fame.

A lifelong resident of Bristol, Art was committed to his city. He served numerous years on many boards and committees, and owned a local business, Award Café, “Home of the Sausage Burger.” Art was a City Councilor for 14 years and his dedication to Bristol was solidified when he was elected as Mayor in 2000. Art served three terms before retiring to enjoy time with his family. In addition to his wife, Patricia, Art is survived by his three children and their spouses, Kim and Jeffrey Holley, Kevin and Dianne Ward, and Erin and Warren Hamilton; seven grandchildren, Makenna, Hunter, Warren, Adam, Avery, Ella and Will; in-laws Adele Bancroft, MaryAnn Lee, Rita and Michael Pletscher, Daniel and Bette Cassina, and Jean Cassina; several nieces and nephews; some very special and loyal friends, and his fellow veterans. Art was predeceased by three brothers, Michael Barzee and Charles and John Ward.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 from 4:00-8:00 pm at O’Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol. Family and friends are invited to go directly to church for A Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 11:15 am at St. Gregory Church, 235 Maltby St., Bristol followed by Interment with Military Honors at the State Veteran Cemetery in Middletown. Please share a memory of Art with his family in the online guestbook at [www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com](http://www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Art’s memory may be made to the American Legion, Post #2, 22 Hooker St., Bristol, CT 06010.



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Zaccara, Marguerite H. (Grenier)



Marguerite H. (Grenier) Zaccara, 89, of Winsted passed away peacefully on June 29, 2022. Marguerite was born January 23, 1933, in Canada, the daughter of Elzear and Rosalina (Gélinas) Grenier. She married Donald Zaccara, who predeceased her in 2000. She worked at Son-Chief Electric, Tiffany and Pickett Co. and Homer D. Bronson.

She was a devoted communicant of St. Joseph Church. She is survived by her children Donald Zaccara and wife Betty Ann, Debra Bouchard, Tracy Renaud and husband Steven; grandchildren, Jason Bouchard and wife Marie, Jessie Schindewolf and Michael, Ashley Campellone and husband Michael, Joshua and Rachel Renaud; great grandchildren, Hailey, Logan, Emme, Andrea and Elle. She was also predeceased by a daughter, Theresa Zaccara; granddaughter Alisha Zaccara and siblings; Roland, Jeannine, Lucien and Arthur. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at St. Joseph Church at 10 AM. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Winsted. Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 922 Main Street, Winsted has care of the arrangements. Visit an online guestbook at [montano-shea.com](http://montano-shea.com). Memorial donations may be made to: St. Joseph Restoration Fund, 31 Oak Street, Winsted, CT 06098.

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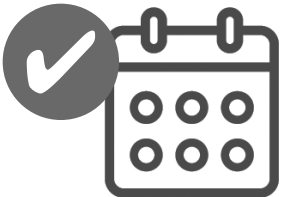


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## Breeze making some cuts at Bradley

Citing supply chain issues and crew availability, nonstop flights to 4 cities suspended temporarily

By Kenneth R. Gosselin  
Hartford Courant

WINDSOR LOCKS — Breeze Airways, the feisty, low-cost startup airline that has pursued a fast-paced expansion at Bradley International Airport, has hit a bit of turbulence.

The airline confirmed Friday that it is temporarily cutting back on nonstop flights out of Bradley to Savannah, Georgia; Columbus, Ohio; Pittsburgh and Akron/Canton, Ohio.

“These decisions were difficult to make and certainly not taken

lightly,” Gareth Edmondson-Jones, a Breeze spokesman, said. “Like most airlines and airports around the country, we are experiencing issues with crew availability and supply chain constraints.”

Breeze apologized for the inconvenience. The airline said those with tickets on canceled flights will get a full refund and 10,000 BreezePoints, worth \$100.

Edmondson-Jones said the Wednesday flight from Bradley to Savannah will be canceled until Aug. 31, but the Saturday flight remains.

All service to Pittsburgh and

Columbus will be suspended until the fall, returning Oct. 6.

Flights to Akron/Canton were seasonal but were ended early. They are expected to resume in the summer of 2023, Edmondson-Jones said.

A backlog in training for pilots and flight attendants also contributed to the decision to temporarily suspend the flights from Bradley. The cost of fuel remains high, but was not a factor in the decision, Edmondson-Jones said.

Officials at Bradley said delays in pilot certifications for Breeze’s larger, A220-300 aircraft played a prominent role.

“While we are disappointed,

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Gov. Ned Lamont speaks at a news conference in February at Bradley International Airport where it was announced Breeze Airways would establish a base of operations. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

## Keeping focus on equality in policy

Lawmakers say state budget, tax fairness key to fixing issues

By Keith M. Phaneuf  
CT Mirror

With gas prices soaring, stocks faltering, inflation at a 40-year high and a recession looming, Connecticut lawmakers are forcing the state to look more closely at inequality.

Whoever wins this fall’s gubernatorial election cannot, by law, propose a new budget without showing how it addresses racial and socio-economic inequities.

The budget bill passed this spring “requires the governor’s budget document to include an explanation of how its provisions further the governor’s efforts to ensure equity in the state.”

After waiting seven years to assess tax fairness in Connecticut, lawmakers are also insisting they explore it again by the end of next year — with a new focus on the advantages of the uber-wealthy.

And while a mandated study on housing segregation missed its first deadline, one legislative leader expects more data on this topic will await lawmakers when the regular 2023 session convenes in January.

“I think there are a lot of people committed to the issue of equity,” said House Majority Leader Jason Rojas. “In order to achieve that, we have to be really intentional, but we also have to be really honest with ourselves.”

In Connecticut — one of the wealthiest states in America but also home to some of its poorest cities — it’s been too easy at times for government to look the other way, said Rojas, an East Hartford Democrat.

But after two years of the coronavirus pandemic and with economists now fearful a national recession is looming large, policymakers can’t afford any lack of focus, he added.

Lawmakers challenge governor to use budget to ensure equity:

The focus begins, Rojas said, with the state budget. In the new fiscal year that begins July, that’s a \$24.2 billion blueprint that spells out how Connecticut will fund education, health care, public safety, economic development and many other core programs.

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## Playing it safe on the Fourth

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Connecticut State Police Sgt. Paul Makuc, from the Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit, shows what items are legal and illegal in Connecticut. Makuc demonstrated three of the illegal fireworks and how to properly extinguish them.

## Blighted properties in pipeline for restoration

City looking to hand over ownership of 5 sites in Hartford

By Ted Glanzer  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The city of Hartford is looking to transfer five properties, including three on the 100 block on Capen Street, to the Hartford Land Bank, with the goal to have them privately redeveloped and reused.

The city owns the five blighted properties — 98-100 Capen St.,

102-104 Capen St., 165 Capen St., 297-299 Enfield St. and 55 Lincoln St. — all of which have houses built on them and were acquired either through a tax deed sale or foreclosure due to blight liens.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin has asked the City Council for a resolution to transfer the parcels to the Land Bank, a nonprofit established in 2020 that acquires city properties that are vacant, abandoned, tax-delinquent or distressed, and works with Hartford-based developers to rehabilitate the properties.

The City Council last week

referred the transaction to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review, as required by state law.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 18 at 7 p.m.

“We established the Hartford Land Bank so that we could have an external partner dedicated one hundred percent to the mission of rehabilitating blighted residential properties in the City of Hartford, and we’re proud to continue building that partnership and adding to the pipeline of properties under the Land Bank’s control,” Bronin said in a statement. “These five

latest properties are perfect candidates for the Land Bank to rehabilitate and restore to caring ownership, putting them back on the tax rolls and turning them from deteriorating properties that weigh the neighborhood down to well-kept properties that lift the neighborhood up.”

Arunan Arulampalam, CEO of the Hartford Land Bank, said, in addition to the five parcels up for 8-24 review, the Land Bank is currently waiting on the transfer of 18 other properties — five with

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### ELECTION 2022

## DGA creates super PAC to support Lamont in governor’s race

Stronger CT comes as GOP’s Stefanowski ramps up opposition

By Mark Pazniokas  
CT Mirror

As a super PAC attacks Gov. Ned Lamont on television, the Democratic Governors Association registered its own PAC in Connecticut this week, a necessary first step if the DGA is to defend the Democratic incumbent.

The DGA declined to discuss its plans or budget for Stronger CT, a super PAC registered Wednesday with no mention of its affiliation. But it is chaired by Andrew Whalen, who oversees independent expenditures for the DGA.

The treasurer, Bernadette Hennessy, is the chief financial officer of Mission Control Inc., a Democratic consulting firm that specializes in direct mail. Past clients include Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign in 2016.

Four years ago, the DGA played

only a modest role in Connecticut, where there was no incumbent to defend and the Democratic nominee was Lamont, a wealthy self-funder with a \$15 million budget and little need of outside support.

Now, Republican Bob Stefanowski has deposited \$10 million into his own campaign account, and two independent-expenditure groups are assisting the GOP with digital and television ads opposing Lamont.

One of those groups, CT Truth PAC, is airing a commercial that

blames high gas prices on Lamont and closes with an off-color tag line: “Tired of getting bleeped at the pump? Fire Ned Lamont.”

The ad suggests that the passage of a law legalizing recreational cannabis in 2021, which was supported by the public, was more of a priority than gas prices in 2022.

CT Truth has spent nearly \$1.3 million since April 1, including nearly \$400,000 paid last week for television time in the last week of June. Another PAC opposed to

Lamont, Parents Against Stupid Stuff, has pledged spending at least \$1 million, though its output so far has been modest.

The campaigns of Stefanowski and Lamont have been airing their own ads for months. Lamont’s put up a new one Monday underlining his support for a woman’s right to abortion.

State law prohibits direct contributions of more than \$3,500 to a gubernatorial campaign

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HARTFORD

Police: Two teens injured in shooting

The Hartford Police Department is investigating the shooting of two teenagers early Friday morning.

Police responded to the area of 2 Bourbon St. on a ShotSpotter activation around 4:20 a.m. While searching the area, two 17-year-old boys with gunshot wounds arrived at an area hospital for treatment.

Both victims were suffering from non-life-threatening injuries, according to police.

The incident is currently under investigation. Anyone with any information regarding the case is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

— Mike Mavredakis

SOUTH WINDSOR

Police probing sex crime allegations

South Windsor police are investigating allegations on TikTok of sexually explicit crimes that were said to have occurred in town several years ago.

Sergeant Mark N. Cleverdon said the South Windsor police and the Department of Children and Families have investigated these allegations on two different occasions over the last seven years. Cleverdon said to date these allegations have been uncorroborated.

Cleverdon said the South Windsor police have been in contact with the TikTok user as recently as Thursday morning, and the user has spoken to a criminal investigator. The police were first made aware of the videos on Wednesday, he said.

The investigation into the most recent allegations is active and ongoing.

— Mike Mavredakis

EAST HAVEN

Witnesses sought in serious car crash

The East Haven Police Department is looking for witnesses to a serious car crash that resulted in injuries at the intersection of Saltonstall Parkway and Main Street on Thursday.

Captain Joseph M. Murgo said East Haven police responded to a serious motor vehicle crash around 9:45 a.m. after receiving several 911 calls from witnesses. The two vehicles involved, a pickup truck and a 1995 Toyota Corolla, sustained heavy front-end damage, according to police.

The East Haven Fire Department responded to the scene where they extricated an elderly woman from the Toyota and transported her to Yale New Haven Hospital with life-threatening injuries, police said.

The driver of the pickup truck was not injured in the crash, police said.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to contact Sgt. Ryan Gorman at rgorman@easthavenpolice.com.

— Mike Mavredakis

NORFOLK

Winsted man arrested in assault

A 20-year-old Winsted man was arrested after allegedly assaulting and attempting to sexually assault a woman in Norfolk on Thursday night, according to the Connecticut State Police.

State police said they received a report of a woman who appeared to be in medical distress walking in the area near Parker Hill Road in Norfolk. The caller gave a description of her clothing, and police quickly located her.

According to the state police, the woman reportedly was out for a walk when she was assaulted and the assailant allegedly attempted to sexually assault her.

With the help of the Department of Energy and Environmental Policy, state police identified the man as Jason Heath. He was arrested Thursday night and charged with first-degree sexual assault, third-degree sexual assault, second-degree breach of peace, second-degree strangulation and suffocation, first-degree unlawful restraint and second-degree stalking.

Heath was held on a \$250,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Friday.

— Mike Mavredakis

4 from Windsor linked to drug trafficking ring

By Mike Mavredakis  
Hartford Courant

Four Windsor men have been arrested on federal narcotics distribution charges for allegedly distributing counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl, according to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut.

A Drug Enforcement Agency’s New Haven Tactical Diversion Squad has been investigating a drug trafficking organization led by Michael Lee and his brother

Alexander Lee. The investigation included court-authorized wiretaps, controlled purchases of narcotics and the seizure of drugs that had been shipped through the U.S. Mail.

The investigation found that Michael and Alexander Lee and others had received thousands of counterfeit oxycodone pills with fentanyl and other substances from a supplier on the West Coast, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office. The group would then distribute the drugs to vendors on

the street around the state.

While investigating and during Thursday’s arrest, police seized over 15,000 fake oxycodone pills containing fentanyl, more than 1,800 alprazolam or Xanax pills, 25 pounds of cannabis, seven guns and thousands in cash, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Michael Lee, 24, Alexander Lee, 21, Daryl Beaufort, 24, Justin Little, 24, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute and distribution of controlled substances.

The four appeared before U.S. District Court Judge Robert Richardson in Hartford Thursday. The Lee brothers are still in detention, but Beaufort and Little were released on bond.

The case is being investigated by the DEA New Haven Tactical Diversion Squad with the help of the U.S. Postal Service, state police and several local police departments.

Bear cub rescued after getting its head stuck in a plastic jug

HARWINTON — Wildlife biologists in Connecticut had to rescue a bear cub that got its head stuck in a plastic container, state wildlife officials said.

The misadventure happened June 23 when a mother bear with three cubs knocked over a garbage can in the town of Harwinton in Litchfield County, and one of the cubs stuck its head in a clear plastic jar that had spilled out.

“Given the warm weather and tight fit of the container, it was important to try and free the cub quickly,” the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s Fish and Wildlife

Division posted on Facebook.

Wildlife biologists waited for the cub to come down from the tree it was perched in and then tranquilized it and removed the container. The bear was unhurt and quickly found its mother waiting nearby, wildlife officials said.

DEEP spokesperson Will Healey said the incident shows why residents should make sure their garbage is properly disposed of and secured.

“We all need to do our part to keep bears and other wildlife safe and wild,” he said.

— Associated Press



A bear cub with a plastic container stuck on its head was discovered June 23 in Harwinton. After the cub came down from the tree, it was successfully tranquilized and the container was removed. Once freed, the cub and its mother were reunited, state wildlife officials said. DEEP WILDLIFE DIVISION

Equality

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The budget debate traditionally starts in early February when the governor proposes a spending and revenue plan.

Going forward, the legislature mandated, that proposal must “identify and remedy past and present patterns of discrimination.”

It also must ensure these patterns, whether intentional or not, aren’t being reinforced or perpetuated.

“Assuring equity is a key consideration when making recommendations to the legislature about how to allocate resources,” Gov. Ned Lamont’s budget spokesman, Chris Collibee, said. “This provision will keep future administrations accountable for this important set of considerations.”

That sounds nice in concept, said Puya Gerami, campaign manager of Recovery for All CT, a coalition of labor, faith and other community organizations. But reform advocates are determined this won’t be another state analysis left to gather dust on a shelf.

“We’re going to be using [it] as a tool to go on offense and push our lawmakers to adopt the transformational policies we know they should have adopted yesterday,” Gerami said. “We’re still experiencing this crisis of massive, unmet need.”

That’s easier said than done, though.

State finances in the short term are very robust, even though Connecticut has more than \$90 billion in long-term unfunded obligations covering bonded debt and unfunded retirement benefit programs.

The state is expected to enter the new fiscal year with \$3.3 billion in its rainy day fund and modestly rosy revenue projections for the

next two fiscal years.

But state revenues, historically, are volatile and tend to plunge quickly during a recession.

Adding funding to expand health care access and educational opportunities could become more challenging in a downturn.

While Lamont and the legislature approved more than \$660 million in tax relief this year, more than half of it is one-time. Gerami and other progressives also are seeking more ongoing relief for the poor and middle class. In a recession, it might be hard to pay for this relief without boosting tax burdens elsewhere.

Many moderate Democrats, including Lamont, and most Republicans, including GOP gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski, oppose increasing state income taxes on wealthy households.

**Keeping a closer watch on tax fairness:** Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, wanted Connecticut to begin shifting taxes this year with an ongoing \$600-per-child state income tax credit for low- and middle-income families.

Lamont and legislators instead agreed to a one-time rebate of \$250 per child this summer — a move Republicans have called a political stunt in a state election year. The governor has said he would like to make the credit ongoing in 2023 but first wants to reassess state finances at that time.

But nearly 136,500 households have applied for the tax rebate so far on behalf of 216,109 children.

“The fact that 40% of the eligible families have signed up in the first 28 days of this being available speaks to the need that’s out there,” said Scanlon, who is running for state comptroller.

To keep tax fairness on legislators’ minds, Scanlon spearheaded another new provision in the state budget that mandates a new analysis of tax burdens in Connecticut by December 2023.

That’s significant, given that when legislators received their last one back in February, it had been more than seven years since the state had studied the issue.

It found that people who earned less than \$44,758 in 2019 effectively lost nearly 26% of their earnings to state and municipal taxes, nearly four times the rate paid by Connecticut’s wealthiest families. Those making between \$44,758 and \$74,688 paid nearly three times that of those at the top.

The next report also must analyze specifically how much the top-earning 5% and 1% of all households actually pay.

“I think there’s a growing understanding at both the state and the national level that our tax code is fundamentally flawed,” Scanlon said.

Will more information lead to actual reforms?

But the head of the legislature’s Black and Puerto Rican Caucus was skeptical that more reports and analyses will lead to actual reforms.

“I don’t need too many more studies showing me how the rich got richer and the poor got poorer,” said Rep. Gerardo Reyes, D-Waterbury.

Until suburban and rural legislators are willing to risk voting on issues that may prove unpopular in their home districts, he said, “the great divide is only going to get worse.”

Those surprised at his skepticism, he added, need only look at the occasional affordable housing debates, either at the Capitol or in communities across the state.

Any suggestion that the state should do more to force affluent suburbs to permit more affordable housing developments is “aggressively and ferociously fought,” Reyes said. “The appetite [at the Capitol] for that kind of conversation is not real. The narrative in

that conversation is basically lip service.”

Emily Byrne, executive director of Connecticut Voices for Children, agrees that reforms won’t happen without politically risky decisions.

But Byrne also said one way to build momentum for change is to discuss racial and social inequities openly and more often.

Given the number of households statewide — not just in cities — harmed by the pandemic, inflation and issues of wealth inequality, politicians who don’t act do so at their own risk, she said.

“I certainly think that kitchen tables across the state are talking about taxes and the fairness of taxes more than ever,” she said. “For elected officials in this day and age not to be responsive to the growing movement of people who are rightfully concerned about inequality and inequity in this state — it would not be advisable.”

Rojas added that even though affordable housing remains one of the most sensitive issues in state politics, he remains hopeful that the legislature, armed with more information, can continue to make changes.

Lawmakers in 2021 ordered the Lamont administration to study whether state policy plays a role in perpetuating racial segregation when it comes to affordable housing.

A final study, due last January, still hasn’t been completed, but Rojas said legislative leaders realized that was “a very aggressive timeline” and opted not to press the issue.

But he quickly added that he and other leaders haven’t forgotten and are hopeful for a report in 2023.

Whether it involves housing, health care, economic opportunity or any core issues, inequalities along racial and social lines “should be in all of our minds,” he added. “I assume everybody cares about this.”



The city is considering transferring five properties to the Hartford Land Bank, including these two on Capen Street. TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT

Properties

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physical structures and 13 vacant lots — to add to its inventory.

“One thing we’re excited about is there are three properties on the 100 block of Capen Street, which are all relatively close together, two are right next to each other,” Arulampalam said, adding that there is research that redeveloping multiple properties on a block results in a substantial reduction in crime in that area. “We’re really excited about making a significant investment in Capen Street and turn over three properties at the same time, potentially.”

Arulampalam said the Land Bank is one way to increase home ownership in a city that, at just 24%, has the lowest percentage of homeowners.

“Dealing with blight is important, but fixing facades is just kicking the problem down the road,” Arulampalam said. “Changing the ownership structure in the city I think can make a real lasting, sustainable impact on housing in the city.”

Even in situations where the homes serve as rental properties, having a local landlord who lives in the city is preferable to out-of-state landlords, Arulampalam said.

“[H]aving a Hartford-based developer and owner of those properties is a net benefit to the residents,” he said. “As a resident

of Hartford, I can tell you there is a marked difference between rental properties that are owned by somebody within the city of Hartford and owned by folks out of state.

“Having someone who lives in the city ... who residents know how to get in touch with if something goes wrong makes a big difference than from landlords who are from New Jersey, California. To many of them, our city’s most marginalized citizens are just a number on their balance sheet. We think there is a huge difference to Hartford residents in owning even those prop-

erties.”

Identifying local developers and partners who can rehabilitate properties takes time, however. The first ribbon cutting of a redeveloped property purchased through the Hartford Land Bank took place in mid-May.

The goal is to continue to build momentum through transactions like the one currently in the works, Arulampalam said.

“The Hartford Land Bank is really committed to ensuring Hartford-based developers are able to take over those properties and develop them,” he said.

Breeze

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we do fully anticipate that they are going to meet the original schedule that was announced,” said Kevin A. Dillon, executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, which oversees Bradley’s operations.

Salt Lake City-based Breeze first launched at Bradley in June 2021. The airline was founded with the strategy of offering “point-to-point” service from the smaller, secondary airports.

In a little over a year, Breeze had announced 11 non-stop destinations out of Bradley — the latest, in April, to Las Vegas — and rolled out plans to create an operations center at Bradley. The center is expected to eventually create 200 jobs and is tied to the number of Breeze aircraft stationed at the airport.

Multiple news outlets reported Friday that the pilot shortage is so acute that air passengers are routinely facing flight delays and cancellations with summer travel surging as the pandemic appears to be easing.

Dillon said Bradley has not seen heavy cancellations or delays.

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# 2 rescued after plane crashes in Quinnipiac River

Couple, dog flying to Massachusetts uninjured

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Two people and a dog were helped to shore by bystanders after their small single-engine plane landed in the Quinnipiac River late Thursday afternoon, authorities said.

The couple was flying to New Bedford, Massachusetts, when the plane's engine began to sputter. Sean Scanlon, executive director of Tweed New Haven Airport, told reporters the pilot radioed the control tower and was instructed to land at Tweed. However, the pilot felt it wasn't possible and

landed in the river instead.

Authorities said the couple was shaken up but uninjured. The bystanders brought the couple to shore by boat.

Hours after the surprise landing, the top of the airplane was visible above the water. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection officials said the plane was resting on oyster beds and will have to be moved, likely by using airbags and a crane, to a nearby dock where the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board can conduct an investiga-



Two people and a dog were helped ashore by bystanders after their plane landed in the Quinnipiac River on Thursday. **TED SHAFFREY/AP 2020**

tion.

A small amount of fuel has leaked from the 1988 Beechcraft plane but DEEP officials said the environmental impact appears to be minimal.

Jonathan Perlich, co-owner of the Quinnipiac Marina on Front Street, told the New Haven Register he saw the plane land in the water at 4:56 p.m., thinking it was

a seaplane at first.

"He came in nice and easy," he said of the pilot.

Rick Fontana, New Haven's director of emergency operations, told the New Haven Register the couple began their ill-fated trip in Wellington, Florida. They had stopped in Woodbine, New Jersey, before making the river landing in Connecticut.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

# Panel to mark historic signing

Will plan the state's multiyear celebration of 250th anniversary

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont signed an executive order Friday creating a new commission charged with planning the state's multiyear celebration and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence signing.

The Connecticut Semiquincentennial Commission will be a state-level group, similar to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission recently established by Congress. The executive order requires the panel of volunteers to be wide-ranging, including not just representatives from historical organizations and state officials but also designees from the state's two federally recognized tribes.

The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and subsequent formation of the U.S. will occur on July 4, 2026.

Former Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, who officially resigned from her post Thursday to spend time with her ailing husband, noted how Connecticut requires all high school students take a civics class before they graduate.

"This is a chance for all of us to have that lesson and to have everyone included, and to have a chance to review the incredible history here in Connecticut of the founding of this country," she said, during a ceremony at the Old State House. "And this time, we can re-tell it. We can include everyone."

The state commission is charged with developing and coordinating celebrations and educational activities, while also providing help to Connecticut cities, towns and other groups planning their own commemorations.

Commission members, who've yet-to-be announced, are required to provide the governor and General Assembly with an action plan by Jan. 1.

# Food insecurity fight gets a \$250K boost

Fed funds to help launch Neighborhood Grocery program in Hartford

Staff report

HARTFORD — Hartford organizations will benefit from new federal funding designed to combat food insecurity, according to officials.

The \$250,000 in federal funding is part of the FY 2022 government funding package that was signed into law in March by President Biden, officials said.

U.S. Rep. John B. Larson, D-1st District, visited the Farmers Market at Billings Forge in Hartford to announce the funding. He said that, with the money, Connecticut Foodshare and Forge City Works would partner to launch a Neighborhood Grocery program.

"Connecticut Foodshare is a vital resource for families across the state facing food insecurity," Larson said, in a statement

"The Neighborhood Grocery will bring fresh foods to Frog Hollow, a neighborhood where these items are less available to residents, whether it be due to their ability to pay or access to reliable transportation," Larson said. "I was thrilled to support this partnership in Congress and look forward to the Neighborhood Grocery directly serving Frog Hollow residents."

Mayor Luke Bronin said



Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, from left, Foodshare's Jason Jakubowski, Forge City Works's Ben Dubow and U.S. Rep. John Larson announced \$250,000 in new federal funding to combat food insecurity. **COURTESY**

that, thanks to the "partnership between Forge City Works and CT Foodshare, and the tremendous support from Congressman Larson and our federal delegation, the Frog Hollow neighborhood will now have a market selling fresh-made food and healthy fruits and vegetables at affordable prices right at Billings Forge,"

Bronin said it is an "innovative,

creative way to reduce food insecurity and give families better options close to home."

"It will make a difference to families here in the Frog Hollow neighborhood and beyond," he said.

Forge City Work Executive Director Ben Dubow said the hope is not just to address food access in Frog Hollow, but to "create a model

that can be scaled and replicated in additional neighborhoods as well."

"The Neighborhood Grocery Program aims to increase access to wholesome foods for people facing food insecurity, whether due to poverty or inaccessibility," officials said. "The Grocery will be a 'scaled-price market,' open to all shoppers regardless of their ability to pay."

# Wage increase common ground for Dems, Lamont

By Mark Pazniokas  
CT Mirror

The coming increase of Connecticut's hourly wage to \$14 on Friday was an opportunity for Gov. Ned Lamont to share ground with some of his fellow Democrats who sometimes wish for a more progressive governor.

In a visit to a storefront office in Bridgeport that houses a non-profit organization serving "marginalized youth," Lamont said he was there to remind Connecticut the minimum wage was about to change.

Unspoken was another reminder: Without his election in 2018, the bill increasing a \$10.10 minimum wage in annual increments to \$15 next June would not have become law given the opposition of Republican Bob Stefanowski.

The event Monday was followed by his endorsement Friday by the state's largest labor organization, the Connecticut AFL-CIO, for reelection in his rematch with Stefanowski.

Election years have a way of unifying Connecticut's fractious Democratic coalition around the politics of pragmatism. As one union leader privately noted last week, it's always better to have a governor with you 75% of the time than 0%.

"When you are left with two

choices, in this case Ned Lamont and Bob Stefanowski, I don't think you can find anyone from these unions who believes Mr. Stefanowski is a better choice," said House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford.

On Monday, two liberal Democrats from New Haven joined the governor in Bridgeport, as did Mayor Joseph P. Ganim, who challenged him for the Democratic nomination four years ago, and Sen. Marilyn Moore, D-Bridgeport, a member of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus.

***"I believe in giving credit where credit's due, and this was an opportune time to do that. This wouldn't happen without his pen."***

— Rep. Robyn Porter, D-New Haven, chair of the Labor and Public Employees Committee

"I am so grateful to have you as the governor," Moore said. "When we needed you, you were there to sign off on some of these important bills that influence and impact the lives of Black and brown people in big cities like Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven."

Rep. Robyn Porter, D-New Haven, who has clashed with Lamont in her pursuit of an aggressive labor agenda, including higher taxes on the wealthy, said

her appearance with the governor should not be a surprise.

"I believe in giving credit where credit's due, and this was an opportune time to do that," said Porter, who pushed the \$15 minimum wage as co-chair of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. "This wouldn't happen without his pen."

The minimum wage law requires the governor and legislature to consider a freeze if the economy retracts in successive quarters. Connecticut's gross domestic product has grown, but

Stefanowski has made a central issue of inflation during the administrations of Lamont and President Joe Biden.

Stefanowski, who opposed the higher minimum wage four years ago as an ill-timed burden on struggling businesses, said Monday in an email he still has concerns about the impact on businesses and consumers.

"While I support a minimum wage, most businesses are

already offering higher wages to offset 40-year high Biden Lamont inflation making everything more expensive," Stefanowski said.

Lamont said inflation was more a reason to increase the minimum wage than to freeze it.

"I think my least favorite way of dealing with inflation is having those that do a lot of essential work at the very lowest wages in our state and in our country not get a wage that at least keeps pace with inflation, which is what the increase does right now," Lamont said. "Look, inflation has a lot of roots. I'd say the minimum wage is probably number 1,388 on the list."

Senate President Pro Tem Martin M. Looney, D-New Haven, is a labor-and-tax policy liberal who has developed a partnership with Lamont over increases to the Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor, as well as the passage in 2019 of laws increasing the minimum wage and establishing a paid family and medical leave benefit.

"The history of the minimum wage is that every few years, there would be an agreement that the minimum wage had fallen farther and farther behind inflation, and then there would be a consensus to perhaps pass a slight increase, and then the same cycle would repeat," Looney said.

Looney said Lamont helped break that cycle.

The 2019 minimum wage law set a schedule of increases in what then was a \$10.10 minimum wage: \$11 in October 2019, \$12 in September 2020, \$13 in August 2021, \$14 in July 2022, and \$15 in June 2023. After 2023, the minimum wage will be pegged to the Employment Cost Index, a measure of wage growth calculated by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Anyone who spends a day in Hartford would know that this bill only passed because there was an activist Democratic governor and a Democratic majority in the General Assembly who passed it and put it on his desk, where he was waiting with his pen in hand to sign it," Looney said. "That's how things get done. That's how progressive things get done."

Ritter, who was not at the Bridgeport event, said the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade last week, upending a half-century of abortion law, also helped Democrats come together.

"The fight sometimes in our party is on economic issues, but where we are unified is on social issues," Ritter said.

At his stop in Bridgeport, Lamont fielded more questions about the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, the landmark ruling that legalized abortion in the U.S. through fetal viability, than the minimum wage.

DGA

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and \$10,000 to a state party in Connecticut, but there is no limit on contributions to independent groups known as super PACs.

The Democratic Governors Association, the Republican Governors Association, their affiliated PACs and other super PACS provide conduits around contribution limits to donors who can

afford to give more.

In 2018, Reverge Anselmo, a donor who then lived in Greenwich, was able to contribute \$2 million in support of Stefanowski's first campaign by writing checks to super PACs.

This year, CT Truth is primarily funded by three businessmen. David Kelsey of Old Lyme and Thomas E. McInerney of Westport each gave \$750,000; Raymond Debbane of Greenwich, an investor and chairman of

Weight Watchers, gave \$100,000.

The DGA and RGA played major roles in 2014, when Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and his Republican opponent, Thomas Foley, each participated in the voluntary public financing program. In return for public funds, they pledged to abide by restrictions on spending.

A committee established by the DGA in Connecticut spent \$6 million on Malloy's behalf — \$4 million raised by the DGA and \$2

million by unions.

The RGA spent \$5.5 million to help Foley.

Neither Lamont nor Stefanowski are participating in the public financing program, allowing them to spend as much of their personal funds as they wish.

CT Truth PAC was formed to back Stefanowski. It is advised by Chris LaCivita, who was a consultant to Stefanowski's 2018 campaign.

Super PACs cannot coordinate advertising with the campaigns they are supporting, and shared vendors or consultants constitute a presumption of illegal coordination under state law. But LaCivita's work for CT Truth PAC is well outside an 18-month cooling off period.

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LIVING

CELEBRITIES



Tom Hiddleston and Zawe Ashton are seen March 13 in London. **TOLGA AKMEN/GETTY-AFP**

Hiddleston, Ashton expecting child

From news services

English actors Tom Hiddleston and Zawe Ashton are expecting their first child together. Ashton broke the news Wednesday in glamorous fashion by attending a movie premiere in a sparkly beige dress draped elegantly over her growing baby bump. Hiddleston did not accompany his fiancée. Ashton also confirmed the pregnancy for a Vogue photo shoot capturing her preparation for the New York City screening of “Mr. Malcolm’s List.” She stars in the romantic comedy set in the 19th century, along with Theo James, Ashley Park, Oliver Jackson-Cohen, Sope Dirisu and Freida Pinto. According to People magazine, Hiddleston, 41, and Ashton, 37, first sparked dating rumors in August 2019 after playing a married couple onstage in Harold Pinter’s “Betrayal” in London. In March, the “Loki” star proposed to the “Velvet Buzzsaw” performer, who will reportedly join her fiancé in the Marvel Cinematic Universe for the upcoming film “The Marvels.”

**Singer Michaels hospitalized:** Poison

frontman Bret Michaels says “an unforeseen medical complication” led to him being hospitalized Thursday shortly before the band was scheduled to take the stage in Nashville, Tennessee. The musician, 59, thanked fans on social media Friday for “all your well wishes” and apologized for canceling the performance. “I was truly fired up to get on stage in the Music City and perform, but due to an unforeseen medical complication & following hospitalization, it was not possible,” Michaels wrote on Twitter and Instagram. Michaels assured fans that he’s “working on being back (to) 100% very soon.” Michaels, who has Type 1 diabetes, has suffered a number of health issues over the years, including a brain hemorrhage in 2010.

**Cattrall to star in Netflix series:** Kim Cattrall has been tapped to play a makeup mogul on Netflix’s upcoming queer-themed series “Glamorous.” The streaming giant announced the casting on Thursday. “Glamorous” revolves around Marco Mejia, a gender-nonconforming queer young man who

lands a job working for makeup mogul Mado-lynn Addison. YouTube sensation Miss Benny was previously announced to play the lead; Cattrall will play Addison. The 65-year-old Golden Globe Award winner will get a chance to return to her fashion forward, no-nonsense sensibilities that made her “Sex and the City” character Samantha Jones iconic. Cattrall, who has distanced herself from the “Sex and the City” revival “And Just Like That,” is experiencing a career renaissance on streaming services, starring in the Hulu series “How I Met Your Father” and Peacock’s “Queer As Folk” reboot. “Glamorous” will also star Zane Phillips, Jade Payton, Michael Hsu Rosen, Ayesha Harris and Graham Parkhurst.

**July 2 birthdays:** Pianist Ahmad Jamal is 92. Actor Robert Ito is 91. Actor Polly Holliday is 85. Comedian Larry David is 75. Model Jerry Hall is 66. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 61. Actor Yancy Butler is 52. Actor Vanessa Lee Chester is 38. Actor Ashley Tisdale is 37. Actor Lindsay Lohan is 36. Actor Margot Robbie is 32.



ASK AMY

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Expectant mom frets over in-law at shower

**Dear Amy:** After many years, and with the help of prayers and science, I am pregnant and looking forward to a celebratory baby shower. My issue is whether I must invite a narcissistic sister-in-law (my brother’s wife), or if it is appropriate to only invite her daughters, ages 10 and 14. Over the years my relationship with my SIL has deteriorated to the point that she refuses to speak to me, and we have to have separate family holidays. I would never invite this person to any event, but her daughters and I maintain a loving relationship. Is it appropriate to address the invitation to my nieces alone? I would really miss their presence, but cannot stand the thought of their mother attending this special day. — *Finally Expecting*

**Dear Expecting:** From my perspective, it is not appropriate to invite your nieces without also inviting their mother — but I am not living in your family and lack specific insight. (Your brother might offer you a firm suggestion.) Understand that if you invited your nieces (and not their mother), there is a high likelihood that their mother would not let them attend without her. Additionally, you doing so would likely hand your sister-in-law more “evidence” of whatever crimes against the family she believes you have already committed. Be prepared for fallout, no matter what course you take. I’m accepting your assumption that things are so bad between you two

adults that you consider them intolerable, but understand that as you move forward — now with a child of your own — this practice of celebrating separate holidays, etc., will become even more complicated. Some families do manage to engage in parallel relationships where individuals can gather without interacting personally, but if you can’t do this, then continue to do your best to have an ongoing healthy relationship with your nieces.

**Dear Amy:** I would like to inform my children of my plans for distributing my estate after my death. How can I lovingly bequeath my funds without “ruffling feathers?” I have three daughters. Only one is married, with two children. I would like to leave each of my grandchildren 2% of my remaining funds, and equally split the balance between my three daughters, at 32% each. I’m afraid that one of them will look upon this distribution as her married sibling getting a larger share (believing the 2% should come from the married daughter’s one-third equitable share). I would like input from you and readers on my intended plan, and how to overcome any hard feelings on the part of one of my daughters. — *Planning*

**Dear Planning:** Your planned distribution of your assets seems equitable and fair. Many people choose to give to grandchildren and other family members separately from their own children.

It’s your money and you have the right to spend it however you want! Given how painstakingly you have worked this out, I’m wondering why you feel compelled to share these details with your daughters. You say you want to inform them, and you are obviously anticipating that one of them will object. If so, you should prepare yourself. She will have to recover from her own disappointment. I’ll happily run replies from readers.

**Dear Amy:** I loved your response to “Tapped Out Teachers” where these retired parents keep giving money to their daughter and granddaughter, and are met with ridiculed responses. I loved that you called out what the daughter “Clare” is: “... an entitled, incompetent, needy and angry adult.” More people like this need to be called out for their behavior. The parents, who give more than they receive, don’t deserve this treatment, and neither does the rest of society. — *Cheering You On*

**Dear Cheering:** Financial competency starts in childhood, and when parents teach their children to earn and to spend wisely, these children grow up to be confident, self-supporting (and oftentimes generous) adults. That education is a true gift.

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MUSIC

Soccer Mommy crafts album that plays with darkness, fun

By Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press

How songs come to Sophie Allison is pretty simple. They just sort of show up, raw and in need of attention. “The way I write is I just sit down and — I could be watching TV, be having coffee or something — I’m just kind of mindlessly playing guitar until I stumble upon an idea I like,” the singer-songwriter says. She stumbled on a lot during the pandemic judging from “Sometimes, Forever,” her band Soccer Mommy’s third album. It’s a wonderfully varied mix, from the industrial harshness of “Unholy Affliction” to the eerie “Following Eyes” to the airy “With U.” As the title suggests, “Sometimes, Forever,” is a push-and-pull of light and dark, happiness and sadness, both jumping from song to song but also within songs. “I really wanted this sense of contrast, obviously, because so many of the songs have contrasting themes and contrasting sounds and ideas,” she says from her home in Nashville, Tennessee. She leaned into ’80s goth pop, such as the Cure, the Smiths, the Jesus and Mary Chain, and Siouxsie and the Banshees. “I wanted a lot of the album to have that ability to play with both darkness and fun.” Soccer Mommy first hit the indie scene in 2018 with “Clean” before making its Billboard 200 debut with the follow-up, 2020’s “color theory,” which led to a slot at Glastonbury and a late-night TV debut on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” Allison, 25, is considered one of Gen Z’s brightest voices, one who allows her



**‘Sometimes, Forever’** Soccer Mommy (Loma Vista)

fellow musicians to experiment. “She almost has like a director’s mindset,” says Rodrigo Avendano, who is credited on the new album with playing synth, acoustic 12-string, electric bass, electric guitar and lyra. “She gives people their space and autonomy. But she knows when something feels right, and she knows when something needs work. She knows what she wants, and she knows when she has no idea what she wants. So that’s a really inspiring type of songwriter to work with.” In addition to Allison and Avendano, the band includes Julian Powell on guitar and Daniel Lopatin on piano and synths. The album also features Rollum Haas on drums and Graeme Goetz on bass. Allison’s lyrics often explore depression and isolation but also the complexities of love and fame. On the new album she sings: “I don’t want the money/ That fake kind of happy/ I’d sink in the river/ Before I let it have me.” This time she also wanted to write a song about her truck, inspired by the country music she loves. “I wanted to get that kind of feeling of lightness and relief that I get when I’m personally driving

around in my truck with the windows down on a nice day,” she says. But this being Allison, the end result is much more than a twangy love letter to a hulk of metal. With the rest of her Soccer Mommy bandmates, Allison uses the truck as a metaphor. “Maybe the days are just running out/ Like the gasoline gauge as I’m driving south,” she sings in “Feel It All the Time,” comparing her battered vehicle to herself, “worn down from everything.” Allison mixes the personal and the professional every day. She lives with Powell, Soccer Mommy’s chief guitarist. Two of the songs on the new album — “With U” and “Shotgun” — are specifically dedicated to Powell. But Allison being Allison, they’re complex songs, exploring dependence and need. “I don’t think it would ever be fair to create a portrait of love, and it’s just like, ‘Oh, everything’s so great!’ Unless I’m just trying to write a stupid pop song,” she says. “I’ve been in a relationship for six years. You don’t go six years without having personal life highs and lows in your life. Nobody does. So I don’t think it’s a realistic portrait to paint.” That relationship also sparked one of the album’s cutest lines. In “Shotgun,” her song of devotion, Allison sings: “Cold beer and ice cream is all we keep/ The only things we really need.” “We both get to do what we want to do for a living and get to play music all the time and travel together or go places,” she says. “I think it matches with a lot of different parts of our personalities very well.”

HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Stability might be difficult to come by today. It may seem impossible to keep things in check, but try to handle what life throws at you. Avoid lashing out at people who are isolating themselves without giving a reason — they may be going through something.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** You may not want to jump into a new look today. An event might trigger you to ask for an emotional haircut or to donate all your clothes, but these decisions could look unfavorable in tomorrow’s light. Go ahead and sort through your clothes, but try not to make the final decision today.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Understanding what others want from you today could be difficult. Whether they aren’t good at giving instructions, or their emotions are making it difficult to decipher their delivery, try not to take it personally. No matter how hard you work, they might not accept your effort.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** A lack of direction could entice you to spend money on the wrong things. Afterward, you may end up realizing that that wasn’t something that was right for you. You’re being asked to take a look at your own goals and values before you jump headfirst into someone else’s dreams.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may be particularly sensitive to criticism from others today. It’s OK to occasionally feel a little less sure of yourself than usual. Someone may try to knock your confidence as well. Instead of letting them ruin your day, strengthen yourself by remembering times when you’ve felt on top of the world.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone in the workplace might be confusing you today. They may act in odd ways, and their strange mood will likely make it difficult to work together. Try to be understanding, but check and double-check the things that they say. You may save yourself a lot of effort.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your energy levels could be low today. Whatever has sapped your strength, you will likely still have the same routine as yesterday. Consider asking for help from someone in your life; they could pick up a task or two and help keep your head above water. Don’t be afraid to reach out.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Regular partners may not want to work with you today. Coordinating their actions with yours might feel strained. You could have even had a plan set in motion that they’re refusing to take any directions for. It might be a good idea to set aside decision-making until tomorrow.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A change in schedule could throw you off your rhythm today. A change to your regular routine can make it difficult to remain present. It can be hard to get in touch with your thoughts, as you go through the day in a daze. Try not to let others push you around when you’re not feeling focused.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Now may not be the right time to say anything of special importance. Words are more likely to come out jumbled, and others might misinterpret what you were trying to say. Your mind could feel trapped in a spiral of pessimism. Give yourself time to form your perspective.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You could be tempted to push people away today. While it’s good to have companionship, it’s OK to occasionally be irritated by them and crave some alone time. Just recognize it may be worth it to let your mind override your heart in this circumstance. This too will pass.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** You may not be particularly self-aware today. Trying to present a certain image might be stymied by something like a wardrobe malfunction. It could also mean that your attitude is being misinterpreted by others. Try to put yourself in someone else’s shoes when speaking today.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On July 2, 1566,** French astrologer, physician and professed prophetier Nostradamus died.

**In 1881,** President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the

Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September.

**In 1917,** rioting erupted in East St. Louis, Illinois, as white mobs attacked Black residents; nearly 50 people, mostly Black, are believed to have died in the violence.

**In 1937,** aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over

the Pacific Ocean.

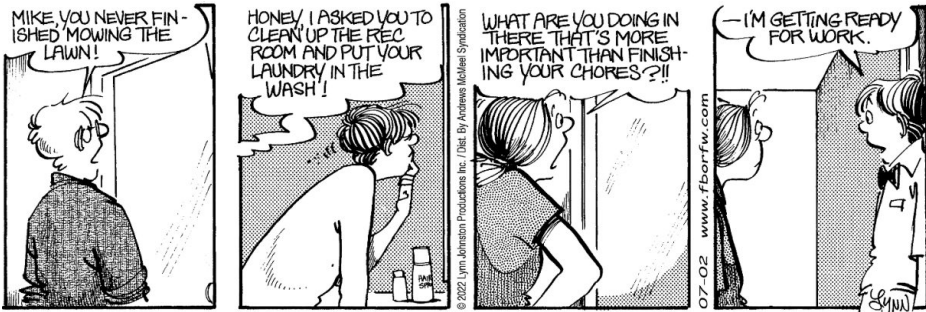
**In 1990,** more than 1,400 Muslim pilgrims were killed in a stampede inside a pedestrian tunnel near Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

**In 2018,** rescue divers in Thailand found 12 boys and their soccer coach, who had been trapped by flooding as they explored a cave more than a week earlier.



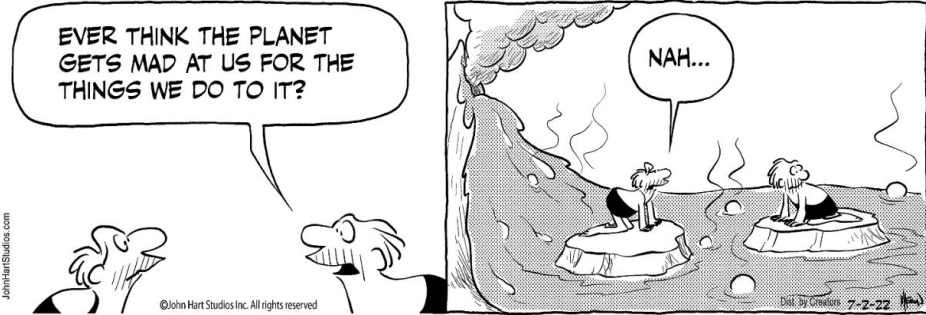
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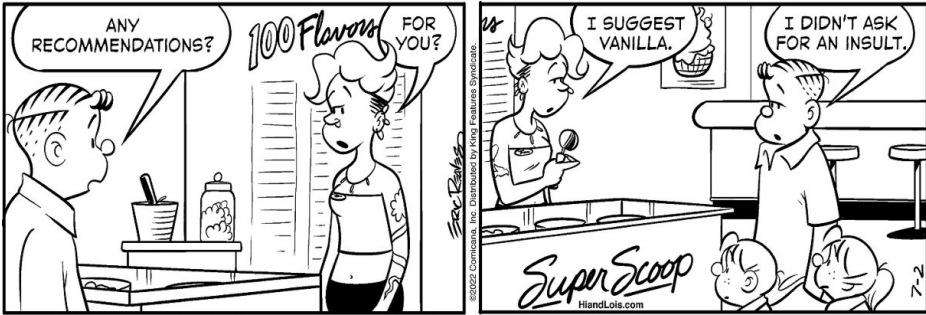
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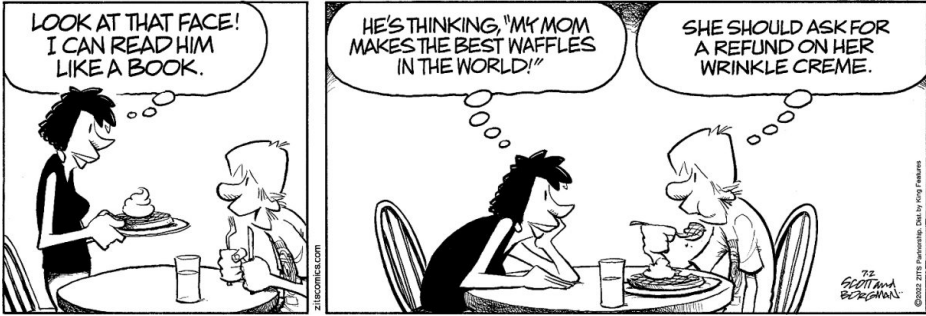
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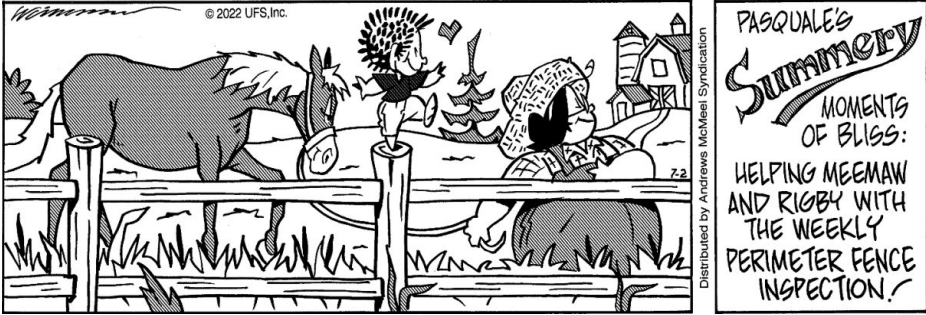
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By Mike Peters



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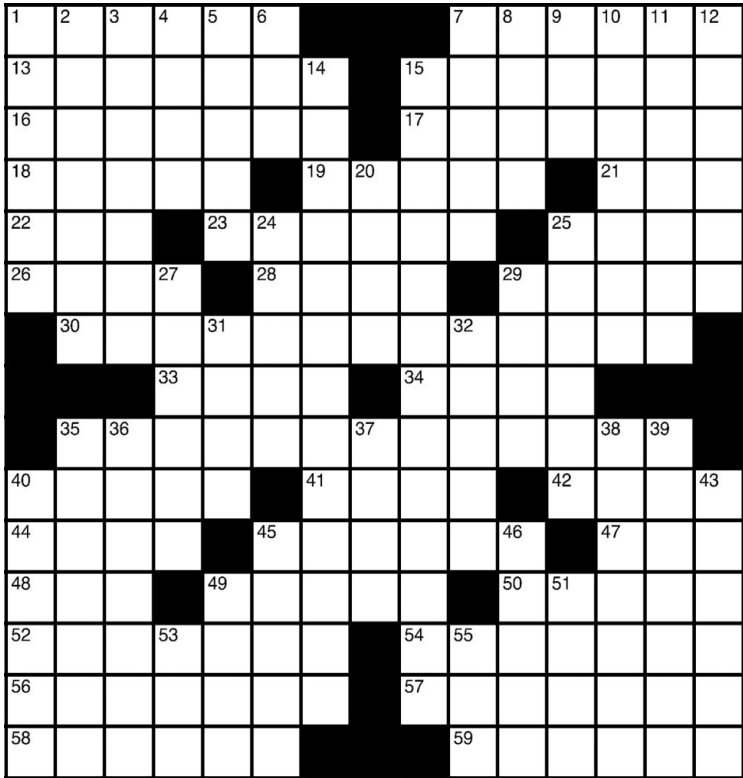
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By Angela Olson Halsted

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 5  
♥ K 3  
♦ Q 6 4  
♣ K 8 6 4 2

**WEST**  
♦ 6 3 2  
♥ Q J 10 7  
♦ 10 9 5 2  
♣ 10 5

**EAST**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ 9 6 5 4  
♦ A J 8 3  
♣ Q J 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 9 8  
♥ A 8 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ A 7 3

The bidding:  
North 1 ♠ Pass  
East Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
South 1 ♠ Pass 6 ♠  
West Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.  
**Good to the last drop**

When a contract appears to be hopeless, that's the time declarer should put on his thinking cap and see whether he can pull some kind of miracle out of the air. We've all had the experience of biting off more than we can chew, but occasionally an overly ambitious contract can be salvaged in an unexpected manner.

Take this case where South is in six spades. The outlook is certainly dim. It seems declarer must inevitably lose a diamond and a club and go down one. But the slam can be made, and, furthermore, it should be made.

South's only real chance is to find East with the ace of diamonds and length in clubs. Accordingly, he cashes the K-A of hearts and ruffs a heart high in dummy. He then leads a low diamond, winning in his hand with the king. (East can't afford to rise with the ace, which would give South

an extra diamond trick and the contract.) Declarer next plays four rounds of trump, producing this position:

**North**  
♦ Q 6  
♣ K 8 6

**West**  
Immaterial

**East**  
♦ A J  
♣ Q J 9

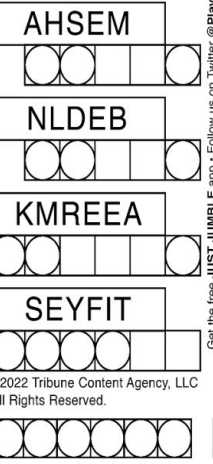
**South**  
♠ 9  
♦ 7  
♣ A 7 3

When South now cashes the nine of spades and discards a club from dummy, East can't afford to part with a club, so he discards the jack of diamonds. Declarer thereupon leads the seven of diamonds and plays low from dummy, forcing East to win with the ace, and the queen of diamonds becomes South's 12th trick.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

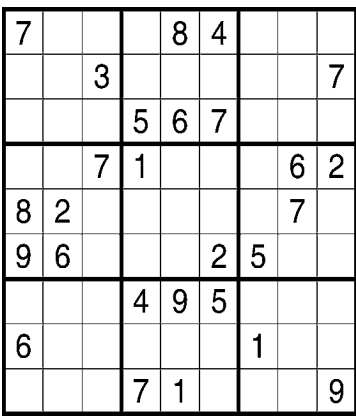
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



WHEN THE GIRL'S TWIN SISTER MIMICKED EVERYTHING SHE DID, SHE WAS ---

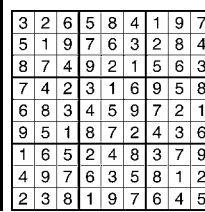
Yesterday's Jumbles: SLASH GRUNT SPIRAL IRONIC  
Answer: The movie "The Big Lebowski" featured bowling, and the lead actors had — STARRING "ROLLS"

TODAY'S SUDOKU

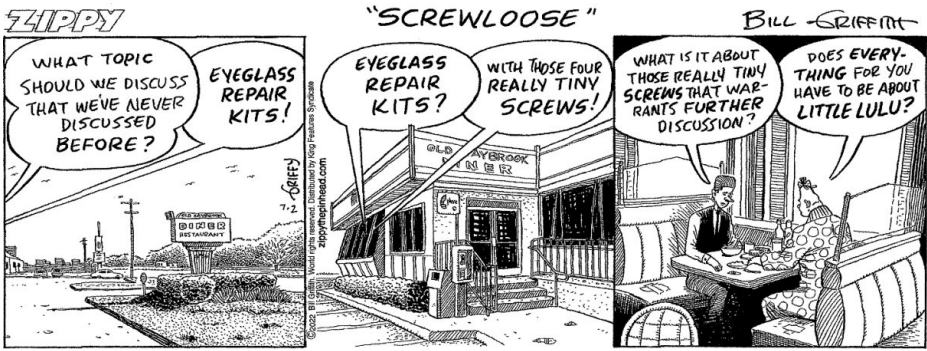


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Huskies add 4-star guard to 2023 class

By Shreyas Laddha  
Hartford Courant

Four-star recruit Solomon Ball committed to the UConn men's basketball team Friday.

"I picked UConn because I just felt it was the best decision for me and my future," he told The Courant. "[Husky assistant coach] Luke Murray has a lot of trust in me as a player. The way that Coach [Dan] Hurley coaches reminds me of how my dad used to coach me.

"I've been getting coached like that my whole life. How fiery he

[is], it just matches the way I play. He's a high-energy dude and I am a really high-energy dude."

The 6-foot-3 guard from Sharpsburg, Maryland, is ranked No. 69 in the Class of 2023, according to 247sports.com. He had five schools as his finalists: Providence, Miami, USC, DePaul and UConn.

Last season Ball played at St. James School, a private school in Hagerstown, Maryland. He averaged 25.4 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists. He also plays for Team Melo in the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League.

Ball said he will play his senior season at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire.

Ball hopes to make an immediate impact at UConn. He is an elite athlete with a 45-inch vertical. He can finish through contact, create his own shot and run an offense.

"I'm a three-level scorer with consistency," Ball said. "When I go to the lane, I'm going to get to the rim. If I go to the rim, I'm going to get fouled and hit my free throws. I can also shoot."

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COURTESY PHOTO

### Loading up

The UConn recruiting staff is not wasting time when it comes to looking to the future. Here's a look at the three future Huskies set to arrive in the fall of 2023 (current ranks according to 247 Sports listed):

**Stephon Castle, guard, 6-6, 205, ranked No. 27:** Elite passer who can guard multiple positions and score the ball when needed.

**Solomon Ball, guard, 6-3, 185, No. 69:** Extraordinary athlete (pictured at left) with a 45-inch vertical who can score from anywhere on the floor.

**Jayden Ross, forward, 6-7, 180, No. 136:** Strong two-way athlete who can play both ends of the floor and finish through contact.

YANKEES

## Chapman off the IL, but not as a closer

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

CLEVELAND — Aroldis Chapman came off the injured list before Friday's game, but the All-Star closer was not returning to his familiar role. The 34-year-old has lost his job as the Yankees main closer to Clay Holmes.

That is something that Yankees manager Aaron Boone discussed with Chapman before his return.

"We've talked and we'll continue to talk. He deserves that," Boone said before Friday night's series opener against the Guardians at Progressive Field was rained out and will be made up as part of a doubleheader on Saturday. "He deserves that kind of respect. So, as we go, we'll try and be as forthright as we can, heading into a game where we see him but for right now it's just getting him back in. And he's ready for anything."

Chapman, through Yankees interpreter Marlon Abreu, said that he understands that Holmes has earned that role right now. In his absence, Holmes has converted 14 of 15 saves. He has allowed just two earned runs in 36.2 inning pitched this season.

Now, the Bombers have to try and work Chapman back into high-leverage situations where he can succeed.

"The biggest thing for me and Chappy right now is I want to get him in a really good place where he's pitching somewhat regularly. Especially here to start, whatever that situation is, whether it's a low leverage, medium leverage or it could be a high leverage because the game dictates it. It could be closing because the game dictates it," Boone said. "I just want to get him in situations where he's going out there with the best opportunity to be successful. Hopefully get in that good rhythm where he's pounding the strike zone. And if we can do that, we'll be in a good spot."

Chapman was in a great spot at the start of 2021, but since then he has struggled. In 17 appearances this season, before suffering an Achilles/ankle injury, the native Cuban had

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CUBS 6, RED SOX 5



The Cubs' Willson Contreras, center, scores on a wild pitch by Red Sox relief pitcher Jake Diekmann, right, during the sixth inning Friday in Chicago. NAMY.HUH/AP

# Walking into a loss

## Sox pitchers offer 10 walks, and Cubs take advantage

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Christopher Morel got a belt-high pitch and launched it toward Waveland Avenue for a long two-run homer.

Another big moment for the rookie from the Dominican Republic. And he's had a few lately, whether he was delivering at the plate or in the field.

Morel homered in his third consecutive game, and the Chicago Cubs rallied to beat the Boston Red Sox 6-5 on Friday.

The Cubs took advantage of 10 walks by five pitchers and came back after falling behind 4-0.

Morel came up big again when he launched a tying two-run drive to left against Hansel Robles (1-3) with two out in the sixth.

Willson Contreras then walked and scored on a wild pitch by Jake Diekmann to Nico Hoerner to make it 6-5 and cap a three-run inning. That sent the Cubs to their fourth win in five games.

Morel playing a big role is



Red Sox starting pitcher Rich Hill, second from right, is checked by manager Alex Cora, left, and a team trainer, right, after getting injured in the fifth inning Friday in Chicago. NAMY.HUH/AP

becoming the norm for the Cubs.

He had five hits in Thursday's romp over Cincinnati. He also went deep Wednesday and made a terrific throw from center field to

lift the Cubs to an 8-3 win over the Reds.

Against Boston, he started at second base. And as far as he's

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**Red Sox notes:** Jarren Duran indicates he'll get vaccinated before next series in Toronto. **Page 2**

concerned, that's just fine. He'll play wherever manager David Ross wants.

"That's why I work on it every single day. Every position," Morel said. "Anywhere they need me, that's what I'm there for, the team. Wherever they need me, I'll be there."

The Red Sox looked ready to roll to an easy win after going 20-6 in June.

Jarren Duran, back in the lineup for Boston after missing a three-game series at Toronto because he's unvaccinated, drove the game's first pitch from Adrian Sampson to the center-field bushes for a home run.

Jackie Bradley Jr. made it 4-0

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

## Conference realignment makes another seismic shift with USC, UCLA to Big Ten

By John Marshall  
Associated Press

Conference realignment in college sports has been going on since 1984, when the Supreme Court invalidated the NCAA's national television contract for football.

The conference juggling has gone through ebbs and flows through the years since, from small schools bumping up to bigger leagues to power programs switching to other major conferences.

The latest move, Southern California and UCLA bolting the Pac-12 for the Big Ten, could be part of a tectonic shift. Not just because

of the marquee schools involved, but because it happened at a time when the NCAA is looking to take a more decentralized approach to governing college athletics, handing more power to schools and conferences.

"You might think this is more seismic because it's involving wealthier schools — and arguably it is — but also it's seismic because of the underpinnings of the system, the foundations of the system, are being challenged at a time when the financial structure is exploding," Smith College economics professor Andrew Zimbalist said Friday. "It may have larger ramifications, but it is a process that's

been ongoing."

The decisions by USC and UCLA to join the Big Ten in 2024 come roughly a year after Texas and Oklahoma announced they were leaving the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference.

While surprising, even to Pac-12 officials, the announcement Thursday gives the Los Angeles schools stability and exposure in a shifting collegiate sports landscape.

"It's huge for our student athletes, just from a national exposure perspective," UCLA athletic director Martin Jarmond said. "They're going compete at the

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WIMBLEDON



ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

## DOUBLE PLAY

Venus Williams and Jamie Murray celebrate winning a Wimbledon mixed doubles match against Poland's Alicja Rosolska and New Zealand's Michael Venus on Friday. For more on Wimbledon, see **Page 5**

SPORTS

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**Yankees:** at Guardians, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Guardians, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Pirates, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
**Mets:** Rangers, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Rangers, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Reds, Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Yard Goats:** Binghamton, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Binghamton, Sunday, 6 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Monday, 7 p.m.  
**Sun:** Mystics, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Dallas, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Indiana, July 13, noon  
**Hartford Athletic:** at Detroit City, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Tampa Bay, July 9, 7 p.m.; at Charleston, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

ACTION SPORTS

**12 p.m.:** Cornhole ACL Final Chase. (Live) ESPN2

AUTO RACING

**6:55 a.m.:** Formula 1 Racing Great Britain Grand Prix, Practice 3. (Live) ESPN2  
**9:55 a.m.:** Formula 1 Racing Great Britain Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN2  
**11:30 a.m.:** Formula E: Round 10. (Live) CBSSN  
**12 p.m.:** NASCAR Cup Series Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America, Qualifying. (Live) USA  
**2:30 p.m.:** NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Henry 180. (Live) USA  
**8 p.m.:** Camping World SRX Series. (Live) CBS

BASEBALL

**12 p.m.:** Tampa Bay Rays at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET MLB  
**1 p.m.:** Baseball Futures Collegiate Baseball League: Pittsfield Suns at Nashua Silver Knights. (Live) NESN  
**4 p.m.:** Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners. (Live) FS1  
**4 p.m.:** Texas Rangers at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880  
**6 p.m.:** New York Yankees at Cleveland Guardians. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9  
**6 p.m.:** Tampa Bay Rays at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET

**7:15 p.m.:** Boston Red Sox at Chicago Cubs. (Live), FOX. Radio: 1080  
**7 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX  
**10 p.m.:** Arizona Diamondbacks at Colorado Rockies. (Live) MLB  
**BASKETBALL**  
**1 p.m.:** BIG3 Basketball Week 3. (Live) CBS  
**1 p.m.:** WNBA }Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (Live) ESPN  
**5 p.m.:** Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat. (Live) ESPN2  
**7:30 p.m.:** Sacramento Kings at Golden State Warriors. (Live) NBA  
**9 p.m.:** BIG3 Basketball Week 3. (Same-day Tape) CBSSN  
**11:30 p.m.:** Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat. (Same-day Tape) NBA

BICYCLING

**8 a.m.:** 2022 Tour de France Stage 2. (Live) USA

**1 p.m.:** 2022 Tour de France (Live) NBC

EQUESTRIAN

**12:30 p.m.:** America's Day at the Races. (Live) FS1  
**4 p.m.:** Breeders' Cup Challenge Series. (Live) NBC  
**FOOTBALL**  
**11 a.m.:** Gold Coast Suns vs Collingwood Magpies. (Taped) FSP  
**7 p.m.:** Montreal Alouettes at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (Live) ESPN2  
**3 a.m.:** Fremantle Dockers vs Port Adelaide Power. (Live) FSP

GOLF

**8 a.m.:** DP World Tour Golf Horizon Irish Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF  
**1 p.m.:** John Deere Classic, Third Round. (Live) GOLF  
**3 p.m.:** John Deere Classic, Third Round. (Live) CBS

HOCKEY

**3 p.m.:** 3ICE Event 3. (Live) CBSSN

LACROSSE

**8 p.m.:** 2022 World Lacrosse Women's World Championship Australia vs United States. (Live) ESPN

MOTORCYCLE RACING

**3 p.m.:** AMA Motocross (Taped) NBC

RUGBY

**7 p.m.:** Collegiate Rugby Shield. (Live) FS1  
**11:58 p.m.:** NRL Rugby New Zealand Warriors vs Wests Tigers. (Live) FSP

SOCCER

**6 p.m.:** Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Guadalajara vs. Juarez. (Live) TELE  
**8 p.m.:** Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Tigres UANL vs. Cruz Azul. (Live) UNI  
**10 p.m.:** Fútbol Mexicano Primera División América vs. Atlas. (Live) UNI

TENNIS

**8 a.m.:** 2022 Wimbledon Championships Third Round. (Live) ESPN  
**1 p.m.:** 2022 Wimbledon Championships Third Round. (Live) ABC  
**4 p.m.:** 2022 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's & Ladies' Third Round. (Taped) TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD

**1 p.m.:** Wanda Diamond League - Stockholm. (Same-day Tape) CNBC

Yankees

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the highest ERA (3.86) and the lowest strikeout rate (22.7%) of his career. His fastball velocity, which has been declining since 2017, is averaging 97.1 miles per hour. The velocity on all his other pitches is down as well.

The Yankees, with the luxury of Holmes, took a little extra time bringing Chapman back from the IL, to let him work on his delivery. Chapman said there were no major mechanical changes needed. Pitching coach Matt Blake said they were trying to get Chapman to focus on staying in line and Boone described the work as making Chapman “more compact”

“He can get a little

spread out a little wide. And that’s when there can be a little bit of inconsistency,” Boone said. “So just trying to keep him almost shorter, and just tight. Almost like playing catch. I go back to last year at the start, of those first two months, that was so efficient, and it was probably the best version of Chappie we’ve ever seen. And that’s saying something.”

Meanwhile, right-handed reliever Jonathan Loaisiga will face live hitters for the first time since going on the IL since May 25 with right shoulder inflammation. Loaisiga left New York for Tampa when the Yankees left town on Wednesday night to work out at the Player Development complex, where he will throw the live batting practice on Saturday.



Yankees manager Aaron Boone signals for a pitching change during the eighth inning against the Angels on June 2 in New York. **ADAM HUNGER/AP**

NBA FREE AGENCY

Celtics get Pacers’ Brogdon; Knicks re-sign Robinson

Courant news services

Brad Stevens thought the Boston Celtics needed another playmaker and more depth to win their first NBA title since 2007-08.

He may have found both with one big move Friday.

Boston’s president of basketball operations acquired combo guard Malcolm Brogdon from the Indiana Pacers for five players, all backup forwards, and a 2023 first-round pick, a person familiar with the deal told Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot officially be announced until next week.

Stevens, who grew up in Indianapolis and coached Butler not far from the Pacers homecourt, accomplished two key goals by getting Brogdon.

“I think the way that teams work together and operate together are fragile,” Stevens said after the Celtics lost to Golden State in the NBA Finals in six games.

“And I think your identity as a team, when you find one that’s successful — which we did this year on the defensive end of the floor and when we were at our best sharing the ball offensively — those things are fragile. So just to add [players] doesn’t mean that you’re not taking something away from the group.”

Brogdon appears to be a perfect fit in a backcourt that already features NBA Defensive Player of the Year Marcus Smart, Jaylen Brown and Derrick White, who played a key role in Boston’s postseason run.

And now they’ve added a leader who averaged 19.1 points, 5.9 assists and 5.1 rebounds last season.

Brogdon’s biggest problem has been staying healthy.



The Celtics improved their backcourt depth Friday by acquiring combo guard Malcolm Brogdon in a trade with the Pacers, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press. **APFILE**

Injuries limited him to 36 games in 2021-22, and the 29-year-old hasn’t played more than 56 games since he joining Indiana in 2019.

Stevens didn’t give up any of his key pieces either. The Pacers get veteran Daniel Theis, Aaron Nesmith and Nic Stauskas — former first-round picks — Juwan Morgan and Malik Fitts.

Besides adding Theis’ physical presence, the Pacers now have \$31 million in salary-cap room and will have three first-round picks next summer if the Cleveland Cavaliers make the playoffs.

The deal came as no surprise in Indiana.

After acquiring Brogdon in a trade with Milwaukee, the Pacers thought he could be a franchise building block, only to have those injuries creep in. Instead, his fate was essentially sealed when Indiana acquired point guard Tyrese Haliburton from Sacramento at the

midseason trade deadline.

**Robinson back with Knicks:** Mitchell Robinson finally gets his big paycheck.

The 24-year-old center, the product of rare smart drafting and patience by the Knicks, agreed to re-sign with them after a brief flirtation with unrestricted free agency, a source confirmed Friday. Robinson’s agent told ESPN the deal is worth \$60 million over four years, although it’s unclear if that includes any incentives or options.

His agent, Thad Foucher, did not respond to requests for comment.

The re-signing is both important and risky for the Knicks. At a tad over 7 feet with bounce, Robinson theoretically provides the Knicks exactly what they need from a Tom Thibodeau center: a strong rim protector and finisher in the paint.

Two seasons ago he broke Wilt Chamberlain’s

NBA single-season record for field-goal percentage at 74.2%.

Still, Robinson is also an injury risk with recent surgeries on his hand and foot. He’s also intermittently grumped about his role in the offense and fallen out of shape before playing himself into a more suitable weight.

The New Orleans product, who bypassed college before being drafted 36th overall by the Knicks, was vastly underpaid during his first four seasons in the NBA. Many wonder what a big guaranteed payday will do to his motivation.

His former teammate Nerlens Noel, for instance, signed a \$30 million deal last summer and disappeared.

For Robinson, the new contract is roughly a 1,000% raise from his previous deal.

It was also a journey to get it. Robinson fired five agents, including power broker Rich Paul, before settling on Foucher.



The Red Sox’s Jarren Duran rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run during the first inning against the Cubs on Friday in Chicago. **NAM Y. HUH/AP**

RED SOX NOTES

Duran indicates he’ll get vaccinated before next series vs. Jays in Toronto

By Julian McWilliams

Boston Globe

CHICAGO — When the Red Sox go to Toronto again to face the Blue Jays at the end of September, you can expect outfielder Jarren Duran to be there.

For this past week’s series in Toronto, Duran and pitcher Tanner Houck were placed on the Red Sox’ restricted list as players who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 and thus not permitted to play in Canada.

Duran changed his tune Friday morning ahead of the Sox’ three-game set with the Cubs, saying he will be available for that late-season series.

“I love this game too much to miss out on the opportunity to play baseball,” Duran said. “I could care less about the money or service time or any of that, but I just missed the boys and miss playing baseball. So, you know, that’s kind of the deciding factor.”

Houck, though, wasn’t as forthcoming. “I’m not going to comment on it,” Houck said when asked if he would get the vaccine.

Duran has taken advantage of his most recent opportunity in the majors and appears as if he’s a fixture in the leadoff spot. He entered Friday batting .327/.386/.500 with four stolen bases in five attempts, then

led off the game with a home run.

“I mean, he’s a good player,” manager Alex Cora said. “We know it and obviously we missed him over the week, but like I said, you know, we’re not making excuses.”

Houck has been effective since being made the closer; he is 6 for 6 in save opportunities. Cora hinted that he’s confident Houck’s vaccination status will change.

**Sale is ‘getting close’:** The Red Sox and Chris Sale were encouraged by his rehab start Thursday at Double A Portland. The lefthander went four innings, yielding just one earned run on four hits, a walk, and a hit batter. He struck out seven.

“His mechanics were sound,” said Cora, citing the reports he got. “He was consistent. Physically he felt great. Felt like the slider was good.”

Sale will throw a bullpen Saturday. His next rehab start, his fourth, will be for Triple A Worcester Wednesday against Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. The game will be at Polar Park, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

It’s still to be determined whether that will be Sale’s last rehab start.

“He’s getting close,” Cora said. “Everything we’ve heard and the way he feels, you can sense it. The way he’s talking. He’s in a great place.”

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with a three-run double in the second. Rich Hill breezed through the first four innings before exiting with a sprained left knee in a three-run fifth.

The 10 walks were the most by Boston since 11 at the Los Angeles Angels in a 15-inning game on Aug. 30, 2019.

Hill, who debuted with the Cubs in 2005, gave up three runs and three hits in 4 ⅓ innings. He walked

four and struck out three. Hill appeared to be shaking his leg at one point in the fifth and was visited by an athletic trainer. The 42-year-old left-hander exited after hitting Patrick Wisdom to load the bases with two out.

Tyler Danish came in and walked Rafael Ortega, cutting the gap to 4-3.

Hill said he “felt great” prior to the fifth.

“Unfortunately, I put us in a tough position, and that’s what makes me sick to my stomach,” Hill said. “But overall, before that

point, the ball was coming out well.”

Ian Happ had three hits for Chicago.

Sampson gave up five runs and eight hits in 5 ½ innings. Brandon Hughes (1-0) got three outs and earned his first career win, and David Robertson worked the ninth for his 10th save in 13 chances.

The Cubs wore dark blue uniforms with “Wrigleyville” on the front for their first game against the Red Sox at Wrigley Field since 2012. The teams met at Fenway Park in 2017.

METS

Scherzer will start Tuesday at Cincinnati

By Deesha Thosar

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Mets rotation only has to survive three more days without one of their co-aces.

Max Scherzer said he will start for the Mets on Tuesday against the Reds at Cincinnati. Scherzer will come off the injured list roughly seven weeks after he sustained a left oblique strain in the middle of his May 18 start against the Cardinals at Citi Field.

“I have a much better grasp of what this is,” said Scherzer of his oblique tear. “Definitely crossed that six-week timeline, so you feel a lot more confident in what you have with the injury. Now it’s starting to be in my rearview mirror. I’m able to really start getting after it here.”

He is expected to throw around six innings and 90 pitches on Tuesday. Scherzer said he feels 100 percent back to normal, with no physical limitations when he plays. He threw 80 pitches and 4.2 innings on Wednesday in his second and final rehab start for Double-A Binghamton.

Scherzer will return to the Mets rotation before Jacob deGrom, who has been rehabbing from a stress reaction on his right scapula since spring training in the last week of March. DeGrom is likely to join the starting staff sometime in the second half after the July 18 All-Star break.

Since Scherzer landed on the IL in May, the Mets’ 24-14 record is second-best in the National League, behind only the Braves (26-11). Overall, the Mets entered Friday 3.5 games ahead of Atlanta for first place in the NL East. Scherzer was quick to point out the two pitchers who helped the Mets get to that point.

## BASEBALL

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	56	21	.727	—	—	6-4	L-1	34-9	22-12
Toronto	44	33	.571	12	+2	6-4	W-2	25-15	19-18
Boston	43	34	.558	13	+2	7-3	L-1	20-16	23-18
Tampa Bay	40	36	.526	15 ½	½	4-6	L-4	25-17	15-19
Baltimore	35	42	.455	21	6	6-4	L-2	18-17	17-25

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	43	36	.544	—	—	5-5	L-2	23-17	20-19
Cleveland	39	34	.534	1	—	4-6	W-2	19-15	20-19
Chicago	35	39	.473	5 ½	4 ½	4-6	L-1	16-21	19-18
Detroit	29	45	.392	11 ½	10 ½	5-5	W-1	18-22	11-23
Kansas City	27	47	.365	13 ½	12 ½	4-6	W-1	14-25	13-22

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	48	27	.640	—	—	8-2	W-3	21-11	27-16
Texas	36	38	.486	11 ½	3 ½	5-5	L-1	17-20	19-18
Los Angeles	37	41	.474	12 ½	4 ½	5-5	W-1	21-23	16-18
Seattle	37	41	.474	12 ½	4 ½	8-2	W-3	18-19	19-22
Oakland	25	53	.321	24 ½	16 ½	2-8	L-4	8-28	17-25

### BOX SCORES

#### CHICAGO CUBS 6, BOSTON 5

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf	5	1	2	2	0	.333
Devers 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.286
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	2	.312
Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	0	0	.325
Verdugo lf	4	0	1	0	0	.265
Story 2b	4	2	1	0	2	.225
Cordero 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.308
Vazquez c	3	1	1	0	1	.292
Bradley Jr. rf	2	0	1	3	1	.209
c-Refsnysy ph-rf1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel 2b-cf	5	1	1	3	1	.281
Contreras c	2	2	0	0	2	.286
Happ lf	5	0	3	0	0	.289
Wissold 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.226
Crook cf	2	0	0	0	0	.400
a-Ortega ph-cf	0	0	0	1	0	.261
d-Hoerner ph-ss1	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Gomes dh	2	0	0	0	0	.227
b-Rivas ph-dh	2	0	0	0	1	.221
Higgins lb	2	1	1	0	1	.310
Velazquez rf	4	1	1	1	1	.296
Simmons ss-2b2	1	0	0	0	0	.176
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Boston</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>033</b>	<b>00x</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

a-walked for Crook in the 5th.  
b-flied out for Gomes in the 5th.  
c-walked for Bradley Jr. in the 6th.  
d-walked for Ortega in the 6th.

**E:** Cordero (4), Wisdom (9). **LOB:** Boston 6, Chicago 11. **2B:** Bradley Jr. (15), Happ 2 (19), Higgins (3). **3B:** Velazquez (1). **HR:** Duran (1), off Sampson; Morel (8), off Robles. **RBIs:** Duran 2 (5), Bradley Jr. 3 (25), Velazquez (3), Morel 3 (23), Ortega (19). **Runners left in scoring position:** Wisdom 1 (Martinez); Chicago 6 (Boston, Hoerner, Rivas 4). **RISP:** Boston 2for 6; Chicago 0for 9. **Runners moved up:** Devers, Morel. **GIDP:** Vazquez, Verdugo, Morel. **DP:** Boston 1 (Story, Bogaerts, Cordero); Chicago 2 (Simmons, Higgins; Wisdom, Morel, Higgins).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hill	4⅔	3	3	4	4	420	
Danish	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	4.28
Robles, L, 1-3, BS, 2-8⅔	2	3	3	3	3	45	
Diekman	⅓	0	0	0	1	3.68	
Sawamura	2	1	0	0	1	2.03	
CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sampson	⅔	8	5	4	1	4	3.38
Hughes, W, 1-0	1	2	0	0	1	2	4.26
Effross, H, 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.76
Martin, H, 4	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.70
Robertson, S, 10-131	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.80

**Inherited runners-scored:** Danish 3-1, Diekman 3-1, Hughes 1-1.  
**HR:** Hill (Wisdom). **WP:** Diekman.  
**Umpires:** Home, Jansen Visconti; First, Vic Carapazas; Second, Brock Ballou; Third, Ed Hickox. T: 3:31. A: 34,931 (41,649).

#### LATE THURSDAY: PITTSBURGH 8, MILWAUKEE 7

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	5	2	2	1	0	.254
Adames dh	5	1	1	2	2	.212
Tellez 1b	5	0	0	1	1	.244
McCutchen rf	4	1	3	0	0	.252
Wong 2b	5	1	2	1	2	.233
Urias ss	5	0	0	1	1	.217
Narvaez c	2	0	1	0	1	.264
Taylor cf	4	0	1	0	0	.224
Peterson 3b	4	2	2	0	2	.240
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Reynolds cf	4	0	0	0	0	.258
Haynes 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.258
Madris rf	4	0	1	0	1	.308
Vogelbach dh	3	0	1	0	0	.222
VanMeter 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.212
Chavis lb	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Cruz ss	4	1	1	2	2	.214
Suwinski lf	3	3	2	1	1	.216
Perez c	4	3	4	5	0	.169
Park 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.224
a-Castillo ph-2b3	0	0	0	0	2	.190
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	

**Milwaukee** 002 101 003 — 7 12 1  
**Pittsburgh** 030 202 01x — 8 11 0

a-struck out for Park in the 4th.  
**E:** Wong (8). **LOB:** Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 1 (VanMeter). **RISP:** Milwaukee 4for 16; Pittsburgh 0for 2. **Runners moved up:** Adames, Wong, Urias, Tellez. **LIDP:** VanMeter. **GIDP:** VanMeter. **DP:** Milwaukee 2 (Wong, Peterson, Tellez; Taylor, Wong, Taylor).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houser	2⅔	5	3	3	1	0	4.72
Suter, L, 1-2	2⅔	2	2	1	2	4.45	
Alexander	2	3	2	2	0	2	3.82
Gustave	1	1	1	1	0	2	4.76
PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brubaker, W, 2-7	6	7	4	4	2	6	4.28
Crowe, H, 6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.45
Stratton, H, 8	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.29
Bednar	⅔	4	3	3	1	0	2.50
De Los Santos, S, 2-3 ⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**Inherited runners-scored:** Suter 1-0, De Los Santos 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Ron Kulpa; First, Angel Hernandez; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Nate Tomlinson. T: 3:00. A: 14,134 (38,747).

#### THIS DATE IN BASEBALL JULY 2

**1903:** Washington outfielder Ed Delahanty went over a railroad bridge at Niagara Falls and drowned. The exact circumstances of his death never were determined.

**1909:** The White Sox stole 12 bases, including home plate three times, in a 15-3 rout of the St. Louis Browns.

**1930:** Chicago outfielder Carl Reynolds homered in the first, second and third innings, leading the White Sox to a 15-4 win over the New York Yankees. Reynolds, the second player in history to hit home runs in three consecutive innings, had two inside-the-park homers.

**1933:** Carl Hubbell of the New York Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals 1-0 in an 18-inning game. He allowed six hits and no walks. In the second game

#### TORONTO 9, TAMPA BAY 2

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.271
Brujan 2b-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.159
Choi 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.287
Franco ss	5	0	1	0	0	.260
Paredes 2b-3b	5	0	0	0	3	.232
Kiermaier cf	2	1	1	0	1	.232
Ramirez dh	4	1	2	1	1	.310
Walls 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.164
Lowe lf	4	0	1	0	0	.176
Pinto c	4	0	1	1	0	.167
Phillips rf-p	3	0	0	0	1	.155
TOTALS	36	2	9	2	7	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf	3	1	1	2	0	.261
a-Zimmer ph-cf1	0	0	0	0	0	.108
Bichette ss	4	1	1	2	0	.255
b-Collins ph	1	0	0	0	0	.209
Chapman 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Guerrero Jr. 1b 5	1	1	3	3	0	.261
Kirk c	4	0	1	0	1	.318
Hernandez rf	4	0	1	0	1	.261
Tapia lf	4	0	1	0	0	.259
Guirriel Jr. dh	3	3	3	1	0	.292
Espinal 3b-ss	3	1	0	0	0	.268
Biggio 2b	2	2	2	0	0	.227
TOTALS	34	9	11	9	1	

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**Toronto** 000 003 10x — 9 11 0

a-flied out for Springer in the 8th.  
b-flied out for Bichette in the 8th.  
**LOB:** Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 6. **2B:** Lowe (5), Ramirez (10), Guirriel Jr. (20), Biggio 2 (10), Bichette (18), Guerrero Jr. (11), Kirk (12). **HR:** Guirriel Jr. (5), off McKay. **RBIs:** Pinto (4), Ramirez (26), Bichette 2 (43), Guerrero Jr. 3 (49), Kirk (32), Springer 2 (38), Guirriel Jr. (34). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 5 (Franco 2, Ramirez, Diaz, Pinto); Toronto 4 (Kirk, Espinal 2, Guerrero Jr.). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 0for 7; Toronto 6for 15. **Runners moved up:** Pinto, Lowe, Bichette, Guerrero Jr., Zimmer. **GIDP:** Paredes, Tapia. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Choi, Franco); Toronto 1 (Chapman, Biggio, Guerrero Jr.).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kluber, L, 3-5	3	7	5	5	2	1	3.91
Sanders	2	0	0	0	1	0	1.50
McKay	2	3	4	4	2	0	9.00
Phillips	1	2	0	0	1	0	0.00
TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berrios, W, 6-4	5	8	2	2	2	3	5.72
Thornton, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.71
Romo	1	0	0	0	1	2	7.63
Castillo	2	1	0	0	0	1	2.57

**HBP:** Berrios (Phillips). **WP:** Castillo. **Umpires:** Home, Alan Porter; First, Jerome Rehak; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Mark Wegner. T: 2:58. A: 44,445 (53,506).

#### LATE THURSDAY: CHI. CUBS 15, CINCINNATI 7

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	0	1	0	1	.224
Drury 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.274
Reynolds rf	1	0	0	0	1	.248
Pham lf	5	3	3	3	1	.252
Votto 1b	5	2	3	1	1	.224
Farmer ss	4	0	2	1	0	.284
Moustakas dh-3b4	0	1	1	3	.222	
Senzel cf	3	0	0	0	0	.240
Schrock rf-p	3	1	0	0	0	.167
Papierski c	4	1	2	0	1	.200
TOTALS	38	7	12	6	10	
Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ortega rf	2	0	0	1	0	.261
a-Crook ph-rf	3	1	2	1	0	.667
Contreras dh	5	2	2	0	1	.283
Happ lf	3	1	2	0	0	.280
b-Velazquez lf	2	1	2	1	1	.304
Wisdom 3b	6	2	3	6	1	.232
Hoerner ss	6	2	3	0	1	.310
Gomes c	4	1	1	1	0	.231
Higgins 1b	5	2	3	2	0	.304
Boie 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.286
Simmons 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.182
Morel cf	5	3	5	2	0	.283
TOTALS	45	15	23	15	4	

Cincinnati	001 001 023	- 7 12 1
Chi. Cubs	151 002 15x	- 15 23 1

a-grounded out for Ortega in the 5th.  
b-struck out for Happ in the 7th. **E:** Drury (4), Morel (4), Hoerner (6). **LOB:** Cincinnati 6, Chicago 11. **2B:** Gomes (6), Morel (10), Crook (1), Contreras (17), Velazquez (2). **HR:** Votto (6), off Hendricks; Pham (11), off Hughes; Wisdom (15), off Ashcraft; Wisdom (16), off Moreta; Higgins (3), off Schrock; Morel (7), off Schrock. **RBIs:** Votto (25), Farmer (39), Moustakas (16), Pham 3 (33), Wisdom 6 (43), Ortega (18), Morel 2 (20), Gomes (9), Crook (1), Higgins 2 (11), Velazquez (2). **2B:** Wisdom (3), CS: Farmer (2). **SF:** Ortega. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 3 (Drury, Senzel 2); Chicago 6 (Wisdom, Higgins, Hoerner, Gomes 3). **RISP:** Cincinnati 3for 10; Chicago 7for 19. **Runners moved up:** Farmer, Contreras, Boie. **GIDP:** Crook, Ortega. **DP:** Cincinnati 2 (India, Farmer, Votto; Farmer, India, Votto); Chicago 1 (Gomes, Wisdom, Gomes).

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashcraft, L, 4-2	2⅔	7	7	7	2	1	4.53
Sanmartin	2⅔	3	0	0	2	1	10.27
Moretta	1	3	2	2	1	1	7.65
Detwiler	1	3	1	1	0	1	4.91
Schrock	1	7	5	5	0	0	45.00
CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks, W, 4-6	6	6	2	2	1	7	4.76
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.86
Wick	1	4	2	2	0	0	5.23
Hughes	1	2	3	3	1	2	4.50
<b>Inherited runners scored:</b> Sanmartin 2-0. <b>HPB:</b> Ashcraft (Gomes). <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Dan Bellino; First, John Bacon; Second, Rod Drake; Third, Will Little. T: 3:14. A: 32,318(41,649).							

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
CF Montréal	9	6	2	29	32	29
N.Y. Red Bulls	8	5	5	29	28	20
Philadelphia	7	2	8	29	22	13
New York City FC	8	4	4	28	31	17
Orlando City	7	6	4	25	20	23
Cincinnati	7	7	3	24	27	30
New England	6	5	6	24	27	26
Inter Miami CF	6	7	3	21	17	25
Columbus	5	5	6	21	20	18
Charlotte FC	6	10	2	20	17	22
Atlanta	5	7	4	19	24	24
Toronto FC	5	9	3	18	24	32
Chicago	4	8	5	17	15	22
D.C. United	4	9	2	14	18	27
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	11	3	3	36	35	18
Austin FC	9	4	4	31	32	20
Real Salt Lake	8	4	5	29	20	19
FC Dallas	7	5	5	26	27	20
Nashville	7	5	5	26	22	19
LA Galaxy	7	6	3	24	22	19
Seattle	7	7	2	23	24	27
Portland	5	6	7	22	27	27
Houston	6	8	3	21	21	21
Minnesota United	6	8	3	21	20	21
Vancouver	6	8	3	21	18	28
Colorado	5	7	4	19	17	21
Sporting KCy	4	10	4	16	16	32
San Jose	3	7	6	15	25	34
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Seattle at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Atlanta at New York City FC, 5p.m.  
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7:30p.m.  
Cincinnati at New England, 7:30p.m.  
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
N.Y. Red Bulls at Sporting KC, 8p.m.  
Charlotte FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.  
Portland at Nashville, 8:30p.m.  
Chicago at San Jose, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S MATCHES

D.C. United at Orlando City, 7p.m.  
Austin FC at Colorado, 9p.m.  
Miami at FC Dallas, 9p.m.  
CF Montréal at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.  
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.  
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

New England at N.Y. City FC, 1p.m.  
Portland at Seattle, 4:30p.m.  
Austin FC at Atlanta, 7p.m.  
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.  
N.Y. Red Bulls at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.  
Sporting KC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.  
San Jose at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
Miami at Orlando City, 8p.m.  
Columbus at Chicago, 8p.m.  
FC Dallas at Houston, 8:30p.m.  
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Austin FC 1, Charlotte FC 0  
N.Y. Red Bulls 2, Atlanta 1

U.S. OPEN CUP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS

N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.  
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 10:30p.m.

NWSL CLUBS

CLUBS	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	5	2	3	18	16	8
Portland	4	1	4	16	21	7
Chicago	4	1	4	16	14	10
Houston	4	2	3	15	15	10
OL Reign	3	2	4	13	7	6
Angel City FC	4	4	1	13	7	9
Washington	1	3	6	9	10	12
Louisville	2	4	3	9	10	14
Gotham FC	3	4	0	9	5	9
Kansas City	2	4	3	9	8	13
Orlando	2	5	2	8	9	24
North Carolina	2	4	1	7	12	12
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Kansas City at Houston, late  
North Carolina at OL Reign, late  
Portland at Angel City FC, late

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Chicago at Gotham FC, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Washington at San Diego FC, 5p.m.  
Louisville at Orlando, 8p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Houston at Orlando, 7p.m.  
Gotham FC at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

San Diego FC at Angel City FC, 10:30 p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (6-0-1)

**s-Feb. 17:** U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0  
**s-Feb. 22:** U.S. 5, Iceland 0  
**April 9:** U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1  
**April 12:** U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0  
**June 25:** U.S. 3, Colombia 0  
**June 28:** U.S. 2, Colombia 0  
**v-Monday:** vs. Haiti, 7 p.m.  
**v-July 7:** vs. Jamaica, 7 p.m.  
**v-July 11:** at Mexico, 10p.m.  
**s-SheBelieves Cup**  
**v-CONCACAF W Championship**

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (5-2-3)

**q-Jan. 27:** U.S. 1, El Salvador 0  
**q-Jan. 30:** Canada 2, U.S. 0  
**q-Feb. 2:** U.S. 3, Honduras 0  
**q-March 24:** Mexico 0, U.S. 0  
**q-March 27:** U.S. 5, Panama 1  
**q-March 30:** Costa Rica 2, U.S. 0  
**June 1:** U.S. 3, Morocco 0  
**June 5:** U.S. 0, Uruguay 0  
**n-June 10:** U.S. 5, Grenada 0  
**n-June 14:** U.S. 1, El Salvador 1  
**Sept. 23:** exhibition TBA  
**Sept. 27:** exhibition TBA  
**w-Nov. 21:** vs. Wales at Al Rayyan, Qatar, 2 p.m.  
**w-Nov. 25:** vs. England at Al Khor, Qatar, 2 p.m.  
**w-Nov. 29:** vs. Iran at Doha, 2 p.m.  
**n-March 23, 2023:** vs. Grenada, TBA  
**n-March 26, 20203:** vs. El Salvador, TBA  
*n-CONCACAF W Championship*  
*q-CONCACAF World Cup qualifying*  
*w-FIFA World Cup, Qatar*

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

**Friday's 1st Stage (individual time trial)**  
**A 13.2-km (8.2-mile) Copenhagen to Copenhagen**

1. Yves Lampaert, Belgium, 00:15:17.
  2. Wout van Aert, Belgium, 00:00:05 behind.
  3. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, 00:00:07.
  4. Filippo Ganna, Italy, 00:00:10.
  5. Matthieu van der Poel, Netherlands, 00:00:13.
  6. Mads Pedersen, Denmark, 00:00:15.
  7. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark, same time.
  8. Primož Roglic, Slovenia, 00:00:16.
  9. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, 00:00:17.
  10. Dylan Teuns, Belgium, 00:00:20.
  - Also**
  32. Brandon McNulty, USA, 00:00:43 behind.
  42. Matteo Jorgenson, USA, 00:00:48.
  44. Neilson Powless, USA, same time.
  60. Quinn Simmons, USA, 00:00:54.
  91. Sepp Kuss, USA, 00:01:07.
  107. Kevin Vermaerke, USA, 00:01:14.
- OVERALL STANDINGS**
1. Yves Lampaert, Belgium, 00:15:17.
  2. Wout van Aert, 00:00:05behind.
  3. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, 00:00:07.
  4. Filippo Ganna, Italy, 00:00:10.
  5. Matthieu van der Poel, Netherlands, 00:00:13.
  - Also**
  32. Brandon McNulty, USA, UAE Team Emirates, 00:00:43behind.
  42. Matteo Jorgenson, USA, 00:00:48.
  44. Neilson Powless, USA, same time.
  60. Quinn Simmons, USA, 00:00:54.
  91. Sepp Kuss, USA, 00:01:07.
  107. Kevin Vermaerke, USA, 00:01:14.
- Young Riders Standings**
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia00:15:24.
  4. Brandon McNulty, USA, 00:00:36.
  6. Matteo Jorgenson, USA, 00:00:41.
  9. Quinn Simmons, USA, 00:00:47.
  17. Kevin Vermaerke, USA, 00:01:07 behind.

TENNIS

135TH WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Friday at The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, outdoors-grass**  
**MEN'S SINGLES, THIRD ROUND**  
#1Novak Djokovic d.  
#25Miomir Kecmanovic, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.  
#5Carlos Alcaraz d.  
#32Oscar Otte, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.  
#9Cameron Norrie d.  
Steve Johnson, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.  
#10Jannik Sinner d.  
#20John Isner, 6-4, 7-6(4), 6-3.#20 Tommy Paul d.  
Jiri Vesely, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.  
Tim van Rijthoven d.  
#22Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.  
#23Frances Tiafoe d.  
Alexander Bublik, 3-6, 7-6(1), 7-6(3), 6-4.  
David Goffin d.  
Ugo Humbert, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, THIRD ROUND

#30ns Jabeur d. Diane Parry, 6-2, 6-3.  
Tatjana Maria d.  
#5Maria Sakkari, 6-3, 7-5.  
#12Jelena Ostapenko d.  
Irina-Camelia Begu, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.  
#24Elise Mertens d.  
#15Angelique Kerber, 6-4, 7-5.  
Marie Bouzkova d.  
#28Alison Riske, 6-2, 6-3.  
Caroline Garcia d.  
#33Zhang Shuai, 7-6(3), 7-6(5).  
Julie Niemeier d.  
Lesia Tsurenko, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.  
Heather Watson d.  
Kaja Juvan, 7-6(6), 6-2.

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	5	.737	—
Connecticut	13	7	.650	1½
Washington	13	9	.591	2½
Atlanta	9	11	.450	5½
New York	8	11	.421	6
Indiana	5	16	.238	10
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	14	5	.737	—
Seattle	12	7	.632	2
Dallas	9	11	.450	5½
Phoenix	9	12	.429	6
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	6½
Minnesota	6	14	.300	8½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Las Vegas at Minnesota, late  
Los Angeles at Dallas, late  
Indiana at Seattle, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Connecticut, 1p.m.  
Seattle at Atlanta, 3p.m.  
New York at Los Angeles, 6p.m.  
Las Vegas at Minnesota, 7p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME

Phoenix at Los Angeles, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Atlanta 92, New York 81 (OT)

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

California Classic, San Francisco

SATURDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 5p.m.  
Sacramento vs. Golden State, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami vs. Sacramento, 5p.m.  
L.A. Lakers vs. Golden State, 7:30p.m.

Salt Lake City Summer League

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Golden State vs. Miami, 3p.m.  
Sacramento vs. L.A. Lakers, 5:30p.m.  
Memphis vs. Philadelphia, 7p.m.  
Oklahoma City vs. Utah, 9p.m.

NBA 2k23 Summer League, Las Vegas

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Houston vs. Orlando, 10p.m.  
Portland vs. Detroit, 11:59p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Dallas vs. Chicago, 4p.m.

USFL

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S MATCH

USFL Championship

Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio  
Philadelphia (7-4) vs.  
Birmingham, (10-1) 7:30 p.m.

USFL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUP

PHILADELPHIA VS. BIRMINGHAM

CATEGORY	BIRM	PHILA
Total yards	3,235(3rd)	2,874(5th)
Points scored	26.5	28.0
Points allowed	18.6	25.7
Offensive plays	643(3)	528 (7)
First downs	185(4)	166(5)
3rd down conv %	40.5(3)	39.5(5)
4th down conv	3-4	4-7
Yards pe game	323.3(3)	287.4(5)
Pass completions	170(7)	194(2)
Completion %	54.1(7)	64.0(2)
Pass attempts	314(5)	303(6)
Pass attmpts/gm	31.4(5)	30.3(6)
Pass yds/game	187.8(4)	184.0(6)
Yds per pass	6.0(3)	6.1(2)
Longest pass	64 (2)	51(5)
Pass touchdowns	13(4)	17(1)
Pass interceptions	9(3)	7(2)
QBR	116.5(6)	132.3(2)
Yds per reception	12.0(1)	10.1(8)
Sacked-yds lost	25-155	24-121
Rushing carries	304(3)	201(8)
Rush yards/game	135.7(2)	103.4(5)
Yards per rush	4.5(3)	5.1(1)
Rush touchdowns	12(3)	14(2)
Longest rush	52(5)	79(2)
Rush first downs	75(3)	56(5)
Kick return yards	73.0(7)	111.2(1)
Punt return yards	21.7(2)	16.4(5)
Penalties-yards	50-442	50-429
Takeaways-giveaways	16-15	22-14
Defensive YPG	268.8(1)	345.8(8)
Pass yds allowed	173.3(4)	194.6(6)
Rush yds allowed	95.5(2)	151.2(8)
Defensive sacks	27 (1)	25(3)
Interceptions	9(5)	13(2)
Passes defended	58(2)	51(3)
Forc. fumbles-recv	9-7	11-9
Safeties	1	1
Field goals	14-21	7-14
Longest field goal	58(4)	59(3)
Extra points-att	11-14	20-27
Kickoffs-average	42-67.1	47-65.9
Punts-average	47-44.1	35-38.3
Inside-20-touchback	17-4	16-4

Head-to-head: Week 5

Birmingham 30, Philadelphia 17

**Leading passer:** Philadelphia, Case Cookus (1,467 yards, 12 TDs, 6 INTs); Birmingham, J'Mar Smith (1,763 yards, 11 TDs, 6 INTs)

**Leading rusher:** Philadelphia, Matthew Colburn (496 yards, 4.6 YPC, 8 TDs); Birmingham, CJ Marable (421 yards, 3.8 YPC, 5 TDs).

**Leading receiver:** Philadelphia, Jordan Suell (397 yards, 10.5 YPR, 3 TDs); Birmingham, Marlon Williams (498 yards, 13.8 YPR, 4 TDs).

**Leading tackler:** Philadelphia, Jordan Moore, LB (65 tackles, 5 TFL, 3 sacks); Birmingham, DeMarquis Gates, LB (67 total tackles, 12 TFL, 6.5 sacks).

source: usflfootball.com/

ODDS

MLB SATURDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
Miami	-120	at Wash.	+102
at Philadelphia-134	St. Louis	+114	
at Pittsburgh	Off Milwaukee	Off	136 (-8)
Atlanta	-166	at Cincinnati	+140
at LA Dodgers	-178	San Diego	+150
at Colorado	-142	Arizona	+121
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at Toronto (G1)	Off Tampa Bay	Off	
NY Yankees (G1)	Off at Cleveland	Off	
at Minnesota	-240	Baltimore	+198
at Houston	-138	LA Angels	+118
Kansas City	-118	at Detroit	+100
at Seattle	-184	Oakland	+154
at Toronto	Off Tampa Bay	Off	
NY Yankees (G2)	-158	at Cleveland	+134
INTERLEAGUE			
at San Fran.	-144	Chi. Wh. Sox	+122
at NY Mets	Off Texas	Off	
at Chicago Cubs	Off Boston	Off	

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

GOLF

LATE THURSDAY: PGA JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

1st of 4 rounds, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill., 7,289 yards; Par: 71

J.T. Poston	30-32—62	-9
Michael Gilgic	31-33—64	-7
Chris Gotterup	32-33—65	-6
Vaughn Taylor	32-33—65	-6
Ricky Barnes	32-34—66	-5
Dylan Frittelli	33-33—66	-5
Denny McCarthy	32-34—66	-5
Chris Naegel	36-30—66	-5
Chesson Hadley	34-33—67	-4
Bo Hoag	32-35—67	-4
Mark Hubbard	33-34—67	-4
Taylor Moore	31-36—67	-4
Doc Redman	32-35—67	-4
Matthias Schwab	33-34—67	-4
Scott Stallings	31-36—67	-4
Adam Svensson	33-34—67	-4
Curtis Thompson	32-35—67	-4
Martin Trainer	32-35—67	-4
Wesley Bryan	32-36—68	-3
Cameron Davis	34-34—68	-3
Tommy Gainey	33-35—68	-3
Emiliano Grillo	35-33—68	-3
James Hahn	35-33—68	-3
David Hearn	34-34—68	-3
Lee Hodges	31-37—68	-3
Charles Howell III	34-34—68	-3
David Lipsky	32-36—68	-3
John Merrick	34-34—68	-3
Grayson Murray	33-35—68	-3
Seth Reeves	33-35—68	-3
Callum Tarren	33-35—68	-3
Aaron Baddeley	33-36—69	-2

# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Piquet uses homophobic slur in video



More video in Brazilian media shows retired Formula One champion Nelson Piquet using homophobic language and more racial slurs about Lewis Hamilton. The website Grande Prêmio published video late Thursday — apparently filmed last year with Piquet speaking in Portuguese — in which the 69-year-old Brazilian used homophobic language to say the British driver wasn’t focused to challenge Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg for the 2016 title, which the German won. There was also a fourth instance of a racial slur about Hamilton, who is Black. For earlier slurs that came to wider attention this week, Piquet has already been widely condemned by F1, drivers, teams, and governing body, the FIA. On a podcast last November, Piquet discussed a crash between Hamilton and Max Verstappen during last year’s British Grand Prix. Piquet referred to Hamilton as “neguinho” in Portuguese, which means “little Black guy.” The term is not necessarily a racist slur in Brazil, but it is an expression that is increasingly seen as distasteful, and its phrasing can also emphasize that.

Sharks fire Boughner and assistants



The Sharks have fired coach Bob Boughner and his staff two months after the regular season ended. The team confirmed the moves Friday, after reports surfaced Boughner and assistants John MacLean and John Madden were informed Thursday night they were being let go. Video coach Dan Darrow also was fired, and the Sharks said no replacements were immediately named. The organization is still in the middle of a lengthy search for a general manager after Doug Wilson stepped down after nearly two decades on the job. Interim GM Joe Will made these moves. Boughner, 51, coached the Sharks for the past 2 ½ seasons after replacing Peter DeBoer in December 2019. They missed out on the playoffs each of the last three years following a run of 14 playoff appearances in 15 seasons, including a trip to the 2016 Stanley Cup Final. “It has become apparent that the organization is in the process of an evolution,” Will said in a statement. “The bottom line is we have missed the playoffs for the past three seasons, which isn’t acceptable to our owner, our organization, or to our fans.”

Take-foul penalty could see changes



The NBA has sent another strong indicator that the penalty for transition take fouls is about to change. Such fouls will result in a penalty of one free throw, plus retention of the ball, at all three summer leagues this season. Changing the rule at the NBA level has been mulled for several years, with momentum moving toward finally making something happen in recent months. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, pictured, told The Associated Press last month that he expects the oft-maligned foul to come with stiffer penalties next season. That move is likely to come when the NBA’s board of governors meets later this month. “I am confident that we’ll see a change,” Silver said in the AP interview. “I would not say I’m overconfident that it will be the last change, even though this is a rule that we’ve been experimenting with in the G League for last four years.” The play occurs when a defender intentionally commits a foul to halt a transition opportunity for the opposition. Typically, such a foul only has resulted in the disadvantaged team taking the ball out of bounds. —AP



Britain’s Heather Watson celebrates defeating Slovenia’s Kaja Juvan in the third round of Wimbledon on Friday in London. ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

WIMBLEDON

## Finally breaking through

Watson and Maria make it to the 4th round for the 1st time

By Chris Lehourites  
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Heather Watson has been through a lot at Wimbledon, and now she’s made it through the third round for the first time.

The 121st-ranked Watson, making her 12th appearance at the All England Club, advanced to the fourth round on Friday by beating Kaja Juvan 7-6 (6), 6-2.

“I know I’m not speechless because I’m blabbing on, but I don’t know what to say,” the 30-year-old Watson said on No. 1 Court. “Playing here at home in front of all you guys, the atmosphere is everything. So, please can all of you come back for my fourth round?”

The pressure on British players at their home Grand Slam can be immense. Watson and every other British player know that well.

Before Andy Murray won the men’s title, the talk among the locals would endlessly focus on Fred Perry and Virginia Wade, the last British singles champions at the All England Club. Murray ended some of that in 2013, becoming the first British man to win the Wimbledon title since Perry in 1936. Wade, in 1977, remains the last female British champion of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

“I actually wasn’t that nervous,” said Watson, who had lost in the first round six times since making her Wimbledon debut in 2010.

In the next round, Watson will face Jule Niemeier of Germany. She beat Lesia Tsurenko 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Third-seeded Ons Jabeur also reached the fourth round, defeating Diane Parry 6-2, 6-3,

while 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko beat Irina-Camelia Begu 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Jabeur, who is known as the “Minister of Happiness” back home in Tunisia, will next face Elise Mertens. The 24th-seeded Mertens beat 2018 Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber 6-4, 7-5.

Fifth-seeded Maria Sakkari, however, was eliminated. The Greek player, who reached the semifinals at both the French Open and the U.S. Open last year, lost to Tatjana Maria of Germany 6-3, 7-5. Maria’s Wimbledon run appeared to be in trouble when Sakkari was a point away from going up 5-1 in the second set of their third-round match.

Then Maria turned it around — in a hurry. The 34-year-old German won the next three points to get to 4-2 and later rattled off five games in a row to beat Sakkari.

The 103-ranked Maria reached the fourth round at a Grand Slam for the first time in her 35th appearance at a major.

“It’s pretty awesome,” Maria said. “I think I played a good match from the beginning to the end.”

In the men’s draw, three Americans advanced — one to the third round and two to the fourth. Qualifier Jack Sock finished off a 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1) victory over another American, Maxime Cressy, in a match that was suspended Thursday after the second set. That made him the eighth American man to reach the third round, the most at any Grand Slam tournament since 1996.

Frances Tiafoe and Tommy Paul were also among those eight, and they already earned themselves a spot in the fourth round.

The 23rd-seeded Tiafoe, who is making his fifth appearance at the All England Club, beat Alexander Bublik 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (3), 6-4. Paul, seeded 30th, defeated Jiri Vesely 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Another one of those Americans, John

Isner, set an ace record but failed to advance. The 20th-seeded Isner hit ace No. 13,729 to break the ATP tour record held by Ivo Karlovic of Croatia. He set the record during the third game of his third-round match against Jannik Sinner on No. 2 Court.

Isner finished the match with 24 aces. Sinner, however, won 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3 and will next face Carlos Alcaraz. The fifth-seeded Spaniard beat Oscar Otte 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Six-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic also reached the fourth round. The top-seeded Serb beat Miomir Kecmanovic 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

At a glance

**LOOKAHEAD TO SATURDAY:** Coco Gauff and Rafael Nadal will be back on Centre Court on Day 6 at Wimbledon.

FRIDAY’S KEY RESULTS

**Women’s third round:** No. 3 Ons Jabeur beat Diane Parry 6-2, 6-3; Tatjana Maria beat No. 5 Maria Sakkari 6-3, 7-5; No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko beat Irina-Camelia Begu 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; No. 24 Elise Mertens beat No. 15 Angelique Kerber 6-4, 7-5; Marie Bouzkova beat No. 28 Alison Riske 6-2, 6-3; Heather Watson beat Kaja Juvan 7-6 (6), 6-2; Caroline Garcia beat No. 33 Zhang Shuai 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5); Jule Niemeier beat Lesia Tsurenko 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

**Men’s third round:** No. 1 Novak Djokovic beat No. 25 Miomir Kecmanovic 6-0, 6-3, 6-4; No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz beat No. 32 Oscar Otte 6-3, 6-1, 6-2; No. 9 Cam Norrie beat Steve Johnson 6-4, 6-1, 6-0; No. 10 Jannik Sinner beat No. 20 John Isner 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3; Tim van Rijthoven beat No. 22 Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; No. 23 Frances Tiafoe beat Alexander Bublik 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (3), 6-4; No. 30 Tommy Paul beat Jiri Vesely 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; David Goffin beat Ugo Humbert 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5.

WNBA

## Star Griner begins trial in Russian court

By Jim Heintz  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — American basketball star Brittney Griner went on trial Friday, 4 ½ months after her arrest on charges of possessing cannabis oil while returning to play for a Russian team, in a case that has unfolded amid tense relations between Moscow and Washington.

The initial session of the trial, which was adjourned until July 7, offered the most extensive public interaction between Griner and reporters since the Mercury center and two-time U.S. Olympic gold medalist was arrested in February at Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport.

Griner, 31, was escorted into the courtroom in the capital’s suburb of Khimki while handcuffed and wearing a Jimi Hendrix T-shirt. At a closed-door preliminary hearing Monday, her detention was extended for another six months, to Dec. 20.

Police have said she was carrying vape canisters with cannabis oil when detained at the airport. She could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of large-scale transportation of drugs.

Fewer than 1% of defendants in Russian criminal cases are acquitted, and unlike in U.S. courts, acquittals can be overturned.

The state-owned Tass news agency quoted Griner as saying in court that she understood the charges but would not comment further on them until later.

Two witnesses were questioned by the prosecution: an airport customs official, who spoke in open court, and an unidentified witness in a closed session, according to the state news agency RIA-Novosti. The trial was then adjourned, it said, when two other witnesses did not show up. Alexander Boykov, an attorney for Griner, told reporters outside court that “I wouldn’t want to talk on the specifics of the case and on the charges and to comment on our position on it because it’s too early for it.”

Boykov also told RIA-Novosti that she has been exercising and taking walks in the detention area. The Russian website Business FM said that Griner, who smiled at times at reporters, said she wishes she could work out more and that she was struggling because she doesn’t understand Russian.

Her case comes at an extraordinarily low point in Moscow-Washington relations. Griner was arrested less than a week before Russia sent troops into Ukraine, which aggravated already high tensions between the two countries. The U.S. then imposed sweeping sanctions on Moscow, and Russia denounced the U.S. for sending weapons to Ukraine.

Elizabeth Rood, U.S. charge d’affaires in Moscow, was in court and said she spoke with Griner, who “is doing as well as can be expected in these difficult circumstances.”

“The Russian Federation has wrongfully detained Brittney Griner,” Rood said. “The practice of wrongful detention is unacceptable wherever it occurs and is a threat to the safety of everyone traveling, working, and living abroad.”

She said the U.S. government, from its highest levels, “is working hard to bring Brittney and all wrongfully detained U.S. nationals home safely.”

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Friday denied politics played a role in Griner’s detention and prosecution.

“The facts are that the famous athlete was detained in possession of prohibited medication containing narcotic substances,” Peskov told reporters. “In view of what I’ve said, it can’t be politically motivated,” he added.

Griner’s supporters had kept a low profile in hopes of a quiet resolution until May, when the State Department reclassified her as wrongfully detained and shifted oversight of her case to its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs — effectively the U.S. government’s chief negotiator. Griner’s wife, Cherelle, has urged President Joe Biden to secure her release, calling her “a political pawn.”

# MOTORING

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The 2022 BMW i4 is a new all-electric sedan with a rear cargo hatch and an estimated range of up to 301 miles. **FABIAN KIRCHBAUER/BMW OF NORTH AMERICA**

## An EV sport sedan matchup

### BMW i4 vs. Polestar 2: Which all-electric is the better buy?

By Michael Cantu  
Edmunds

Tesla isn't the only player in the all-electric sport sedan market anymore. BMW and Polestar have recently introduced their own Model 3 rivals: the i4 and Polestar 2. But which of the two performed better in Edmunds' real-world testing and has more to offer? We compare the BMW i4 and Polestar 2 to find out.

BMW has a well-established history of developing luxury sport sedans, and now the automaker has set its sights on dominating the all-electric segment with its new 2022 i4. The BMW i4 is about the size of a 3 Series and offers an engaging driving experience. If you're looking for an alternative to the Tesla Model 3, this could be it. But there's another small EV also vying for your attention: the Polestar 2.

The Polestar 2 hails from Volvo's nascent EV-only Polestar brand. It boasts excellent handling and impressive tech. Which electric sedan — with a hatchback-style trunk — is the better buy? Edmunds' experts compared them to find out.

**Range and charging**

Range and charging should be a top priority, even when you're shopping for a performance EV. For 2022, the i4 has an EPA-estimated driving range of 227-301 miles depending on the model and configuration. On paper, Polestar 2's EPA range isn't as high. It's estimated between 249 and 270 miles.

Edmunds also performed its real-world range testing on both cars. Here, the i4 M50 dual-motor version went 268 miles on a full charge and the dual-motor Polestar 2 went 288 miles. That puts the Polestar in the top half of Edmunds' EV range leaderboard, and the i4 in the lower half.

Charging either vehicle with a depleted battery at home will take about the same amount of time. When using a public DC fast-charging station, the BMW's slightly higher peak charge rate can potentially have you back on the road a little sooner.

**Winner:** Polestar 2

**Comfort**

Luxury sport sedans need to perform but also provide plenty of comfort. In terms of ride comfort, both rivals are



The 2022 Polestar 2 has a hatchback-style trunk and a range of up to 270 miles. **POLESTAR**

very comfortable, even with their sport-tuned suspensions. However, the Polestar's seats have more cushioning and provide more support and comfort.

Passenger space is pretty even, but the Polestar 2 has a bit more front headroom and legroom. The Swede also offers more cargo space in its hatchback-style trunk. EVs are inherently quiet, so it's important to keep the cabin insulated from outside noise. Both sport sedans excel at this, but expect a quieter driving experience in the Polestar.

**Winner:** Polestar 2

**Driving performance**

Power and solid driving dynamics are crucial for sport sedans, and both EVs deliver. The i4 eDrive40 produces 335 horsepower and the M50 469 horsepower, or even more in

short bursts. The Polestar offers less grunt: 231-408 horsepower. The power difference was obvious in Edmunds' testing. The M50 hit 60 mph in just 3.6 seconds, and the dual-motor Polestar 2 took 4.3 seconds.

While BMW has certainly made good on the "motor" part of its name, it's lost its way for when the road gets twisty. The i4's steering doesn't provide much feel for the road, and its stability control system tends to kill the fun when you're driving hard around turns.

It might seem odd, but the Polestar 2 is actually the more playful and engaging EV to drive on a deserted back road.

**Winner:** tie

**Technology and driver aids**

The BMW and Polestar

boast impressive tech and feature digital instrument panels and large touchscreens. However, the i4's horizontal touchscreen is larger than the Polestar's vertical one. The i4's touchscreen interface works very well and includes wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone connectivity.

Inside the Polestar, you'll find a Google Android-based operating system that works much like a smartphone and includes apps like Google Maps. But we haven't found it quite as feature-packed as the BMW's interface.

As for advanced driver aids, such as adaptive cruise control, BMW and Polestar are a little stingy. They include a few standard driver aids, but the rest are optional. But we do like how both car's aids are

helpful for driving and not overly intrusive.

**Winner:** i4

**Pricing and value**

The BMW i4 eDrive40 starts at \$56,295, and the M50 at \$66,995 with destination. The starting price for the single-motor Polestar 2 is \$49,800 and the dual-motor model is \$3,500 more, or \$53,300. The pricing gap is significant, but the power difference and BMW brand-name recognition might be worth it for some. The \$7,500 federal tax credit can be applied to both EVs.

Standard and optional features between the two are comparable, and so are their warranties and free maintenance plans. Both rivals also boast solid build quality and interiors that look and feel appropriate for the price.

The Polestar's slightly lower pricing is appealing, but BMW's brand familiarity and its more extensive dealership network even the score.

**Winner:** tie

**Edmunds says:** You'll likely be happy with either EV. In Edmunds' rankings scoring, they are, in fact, statistically tied. Can't decide? For superior comfort and handling, get the Polestar. But for brand familiarity and rocket-like acceleration, get the BMW.

## Your car's AC can use up gas. How to save fuel on hot days as prices rise

By Simone Jasper  
The Charlotte Observer

Hot temperatures are scorching much of the United States. And while you might want to seek relief in the air conditioning, blasting it in your car can use up gas just as prices at the pump soar.

"If you're trying to save mileage, you're giving up a little bit of comfort," said Steve Reinarts, automotive instructor at Dunwoody College of Technology in

Minneapolis.

Using air conditioning can impact your car's fuel economy, which refers to the distance you can travel before having to fill up again, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Running your car's air conditioning is the main contributor to reduced fuel economy in hot weather," the department said on its website.

"Its effect depends on a number of factors, such as the outside temperature,

humidity, and intensity of the sun. Under very hot conditions, AC use can reduce a conventional vehicle's fuel economy by more than 25%, particularly on short trips."

Cutting back on air conditioning can help to conserve gas, but that might not be the best option when you hit the road on a hot day.

Experts urge drivers seeking lower costs to recognize when it makes the most sense to open the

windows for relief.

**Here are some other tips from experts:**

- Park your car in the shade or use a windshield shade to block out the sun
- Drive with the windows down to let hot air escape before turning on the air conditioning
- Reduce the amount of time you spend idling with the air conditioning on
- Consider getting a car that's a lighter color or has tinted windows



Morning traffic begins to swell on the 101 Freeway in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. **DREAMSTIME**



WEATHER

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mixed clouds and some afternoon sun, warm and humid, scattered showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH

85°

LOW

63°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and warm.

HIGH

87°

LOW

61°

MONDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and warm.

HIGH

87°

LOW

64°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly cloudy, scattered showers and thunderstorms around.

HIGH

82°

LOW

62°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH

82°

LOW

61°

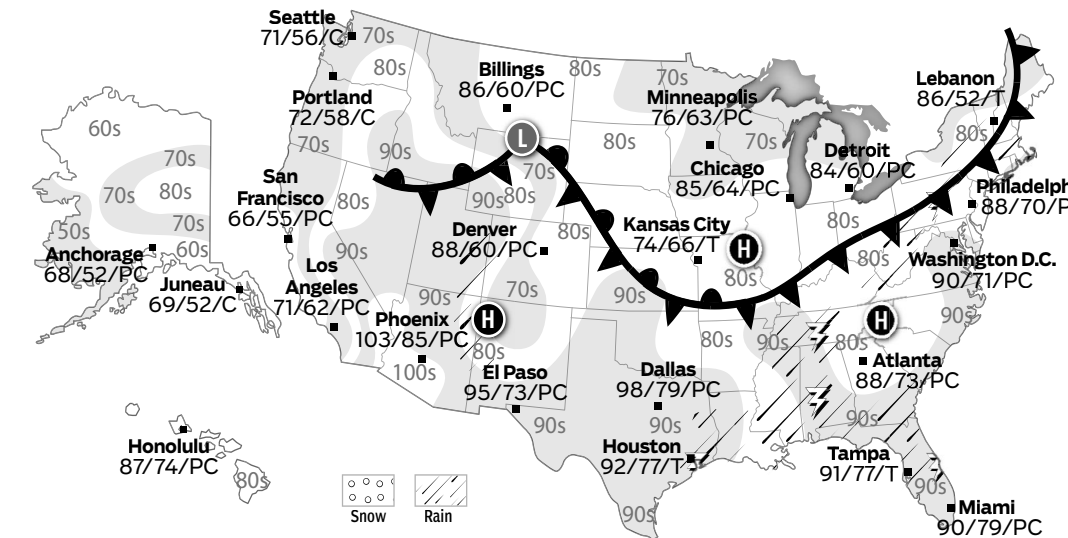
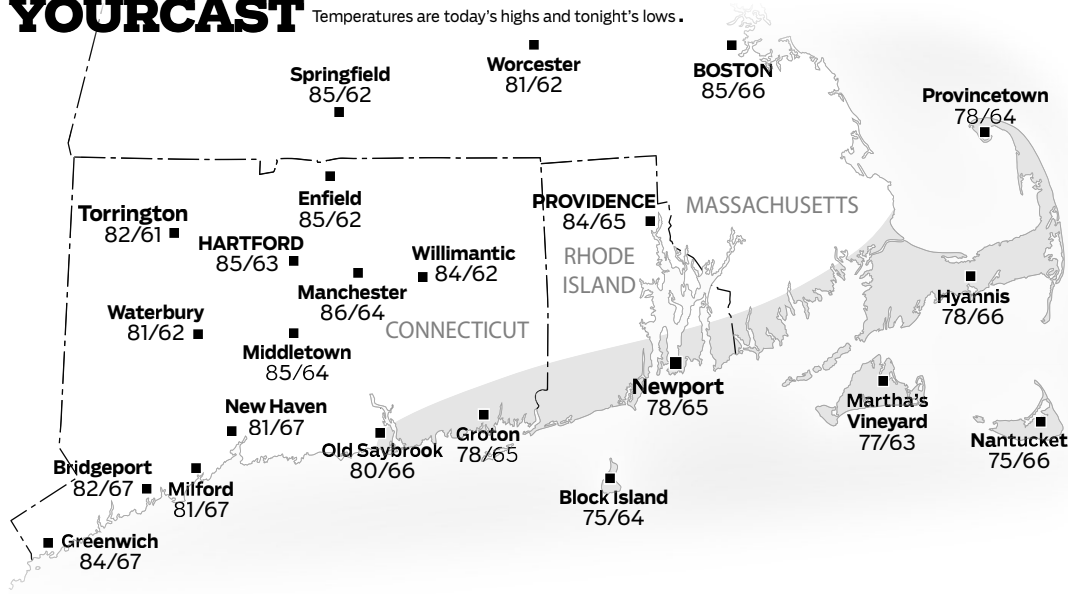
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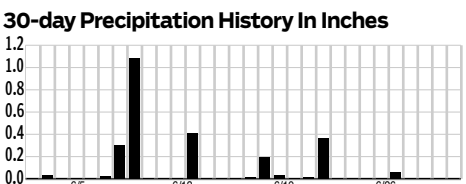
A trough of low pressure will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms Saturday morning, then there should be some sunshine. A cold front moving into the region later in the afternoon and the evening will trigger another round of showers and thunderstorms. This second round of thunderstorms have the potential to be strong to severe with damaging winds and hail. The more sunshine that occurs, then better the chance the storms are strong. The Storm Prediction Center has the state in a slight risk. A 15 percent chance for damaging winds and 5 percent chance of hail.

-Gary Lessor

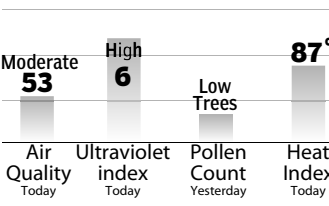
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	0.00 0.12
Total this year	20.17 22.29

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



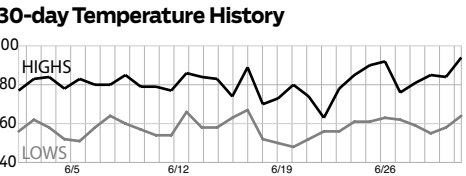
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N.L. State Pier	12:13 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	68°
Saybrook Jetty	12:50 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	1:24 a.m.	7:39 a.m.	68°
Madison	2:01 p.m.	7:38 p.m.	
New Haven	4:07 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	
	4:44 p.m.	11:24 p.m.	
Stamford	1:34 a.m.	7:52 a.m.	69°
	2:07 p.m.	8:03 p.m.	
	1:54 a.m.	8:16 a.m.	69°
	2:27 p.m.	8:27 p.m.	
	1:58 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	70°
	2:31 p.m.	8:41 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 2.79 feet at 4:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower
Wind	SW, 5-10	SW, 10-15	SW, 10-15
Seas	1 ft.	2-4 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	94 at 2:08 p.m.	64 at 3:51 a.m.
Normal for date	84	62
Record for date	101 in 1964	46 in 1988
A year ago	78	69
Range this year	94	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 1	249	205	283



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.12 at 12 a.m.	29.90 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	71° at 6 p.m.	58° at 3 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

<b>NEW ENGLAND</b> Bangor 80 54 SH Burlington 83 56 PC Caribou 80 51 PC Concord 85 55 SH Montpelier 79 52 SH Mt. Wash. 54 40 SH Portland 83 58 SH Woods Hole 76 64 T	Baltimore 88 67 T Bismarck 79 62 PC Boise 94 63 PC Buffalo 77 56 PC Charleston 86 74 T Cincinnati 85 66 C Cleveland 82 61 PC Indianapolis 86 65 PC Jacksonville 89 73 T Las Vegas 106 81 S Miami Beach 87 81 PC Milwaukee 79 61 PC	Nashville 90 71 T New Orleans 91 77 T New York 85 69 PC Okla. City 94 74 PC Omaha 76 64 T Orlando 91 75 T Pittsburgh 83 59 PC Raleigh 90 73 PC St. Louis 86 70 C Salt Lake City 99 73 PC San Antonio 98 79 PC San Diego 73 65 PC	<b>WORLD</b> Amsterdam 73 54 PC Athens 93 75 S Bangkok 97 81 T Barbados 86 76 T Beijing 88 73 C Beirut 85 73 PC Berlin 81 55 PC Bermuda 81 75 PC	Kingston 90 77 PC Lisbon 86 63 PC London 70 55 C Madrid 95 70 S Mexico City 95 75 PC Milan 90 72 C Montreal 81 64 S Moscow 81 63 S Nassau 88 79 SH New Delhi 93 77 R Paris 79 55 S Prague 77 55 PC Rio de Janeiro 82 61 PC Rome 97 75 C Seoul 93 75 C Singapore 95 79 S	Stockholm 72 54 R Sydney 63 59 R Tel Aviv 85 68 PC Tokyo 95 77 PC Toronto 82 57 SH Vancouver 73 57 S Warsaw 75 57 SH
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Conferences

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highest level in a major elite conference in different time zones. UCLA is always national, but now we have the ability for student athletes to showcase their talent across the country. That's exciting."

For all the other benefits, the bottom line to the defections is the bottom line.

The SEC has become a college football behemoth that distributed \$54.6 million to each of its member schools in the 2021 fiscal year. The Big Ten has tried to keep up and had a per-school distribution of \$46.1 million last year.

The Pac-12 had the lowest distribution number among Power Five schools, paying its member institutions \$19.8 million in 2021.

At the core, it's all about the TV.

The SEC has a \$3 billion deal with ESPN that's set to kick in in 2024 and the Big Ten is currently negotiating a massive media rights deal. The Pac-12 has floundered when it comes to TV as the conference's network has struggled to gain footing while many of its games are played late at night.

With costs to run college athletic programs have climbed in recent years, exacerbated by the pandemic, moving to an even bigger conference provides more financial stability. For the Big Ten, adding UCLA and USC gives the conference a foothold in the nation's second-largest media market.

"Money talks," said Tom McMillen, President and CEO of Lead1, which represents Football Bowl Subdivision athletic directors and programs. "I was on the board of regents when Maryland jumped in to the Big Ten and there were all kinds of arguments



TJ Guy of Michigan celebrates the Wolverines winning the Big Ten championship game against the Iowa Hawkeyes on Dec. 4, 2021, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. GETTY FILE

about it was academics and it was this and that, but ultimately it came down to money. I think that's the same case here."

The defections will create two mega conferences that will hold the majority of power and money, leaving the rest of leagues scrambling to keep up.

The tiering could stratify even more if the SEC and the Big Ten continue to expand, which could be the next step.

The future power structure could consist of two, maybe three mega conferences of up to 20 schools at the top, with the Power Five joining the Group of Five conferences in the tier below but still above the Football Championship Subdivision.

More schools in the Pac-12 and Big

12, along with the ACC, could look to bolt for more stability.

Conferences losing members likely will face two options: combining with another league to form a mega conference of their own or expand on the current membership. The Pac-12 it plans to take the expansion route, issuing a statement on Friday that said it is exploring all expansion options.

"You have exploding costs on one end and your revenue sources are being decimated, which is a tremendous pressure," Zimbalist said. "On the other hand, what do you do? Well, something pretty radical I think is going to have to happen."

Uncertainty is the only thing that's certain at this point.

UConn

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Like many Hurley recruits, Ball prides himself on his defense.

"I can guard multiple positions," he said. "In EYBL, I guard 1-5. I guarded some of the best players and held them to their worst games.

"One player, for example, was averaging 28 points before we played them. I made him shoot 3-for-19. He was 6-9. The size or anything like that doesn't faze me.

"I am also a relentless rebounder, and I am always going to go after the ball. You are going to know I am on the court with the energy I bring."

Ball had two visits to Storrs. He officially committed to UConn on the second one.

"Even the unofficial [visit] was really good, but when I went back for the official visit it felt so much different," Ball said. "I got to meet all the

players and I meshed with them really well. We went to Coach Hurley's house and just had a fun time.

"It was a big difference because I got more of a feel of everything around the area."

Ball's stellar EYBL play in the past few months helped him land in Storrs.

"I wasn't getting recruited like that last year," he said. "I had nine offers three months ago; I ended with 24."

On Monday, Ball's high school and Team Melo teammate, four-star prospect Jayden Ross, committed to the Huskies.

"For the last year-and-a-half, we wanted to play together on the same [college] team," he said. "I wouldn't say Jayden committing brought me; it was just extra.

"It was always right. With Jayden going, that was good too."

Ball and Ross join Stephon Castle, a guard from Georgia who committed to the Huskies in November, as the three Class of 2023 commitments.

Ball has been in contact with Castle throughout the process.

Ball had his sights set on UConn even before it became a possibility.

"Last year, when UConn was in the Battle 4 Atlantis, me and my dad were watching that," he said. "Every time UConn played, I was on it. I was like, 'Dad, look at Hurley's energy.' It was crazy. That's something I want to play in."

Though he still has time before he joins the Huskies, Ball has been hard at work this summer, working on consistency with his jump shot and becoming more of a playmaker. He can't wait to bring his infectious energy to Storrs.

"I'm a high-energy guy," he said. "I'm pretty hyper. If I'm in the game or on the bench, I am going to be making noise. I need [UConn fans] making noise with me."

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LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Zone 1  
SIMSBURY 4, BRISTOL 3  
Note: Luke Guyer got the win in relief, tossing 2.2 innings of no-hit relief. Jacob Cohen was 1-for-2 with an RBI, 2 runs scored and Jacob Goodwin had a double, 1 RBI for Simsbury. Tyler Stickels was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Bristol.

Zone 2  
MADISON 3, WEST HAVEN 2

Zone 3  
SOUTH WINDSOR 4-4, TRI-COUNTY 3-12

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Zone 2  
WEST HAVEN 9, MADISON 3

Zone 3  
TRI-COUNTY 16, ENFIELD 2  
WINDSOR LOCKS/WINDSOR AT ELLINGTON, LATE  
GLASTONBURY AT EHM, LATE  
NORTHEAST AT MIDDLETOWN (2), LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Zone 2: West Haven at Madison, 10 a.m.  
Zone 3: South Windsor at RCP Post, 10:30 a.m.; Tri-County at Enfield, noon; EHM at Glastonbury, noon; Ellington at Windsor Locks/Windsor, noon  
Zone 6: Willimantic at Moosup (2), 11 a.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

AFTERSHOCK 3, PATRIOTS 1  
Note: Knox picked up the win, allowing no earned runs over 7 innings with 7 strikeouts. Stagis and Lentini both went 2-for-4 with an RBI, run scored.

KNIGHTS 7, ORIOLES 0

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Rock Cats at Angels, 6:30 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

ORIOLES 8, PEOPLE'S 1  
GRAPHICS 4, COLTS 3  
PHILLIES 12-0, CARDINALS 2-1

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Expos at Jets, 7 p.m.  
People's at Cardinals, 8 p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

19u  
ROCKY HILL 8, NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND RECS 5  
Note: Ethan Pancoast tossed a complete game for the win and was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI at the plate.

PLAINVILLE DEVILS 7, SOUTHTON HITMEN 4  
COPPERHEADS-TORRINGTON 12, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 4

16u  
STAFFORD ROYALS 12, NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON 6  
Note: Tom Tantillo allowed 1 earned run over 6 innings to pick up the win. Braeden Gray had 2 hits, 4 RBI and Angelo Vella had 2 hits, 3 RBI for Stafford.

14u  
CT BULLDOGS-WETHERSFIELD 17, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

19u  
PLAINVILLE DEVILS AND NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND RECS, LATE

16u  
STAFFORD ROYALS 13, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 3  
Note: Joe Pease picked up the win for Stafford. Tom Tantillo, Angelo Vele, Cole Hasel and Gavin Stevens all had multiple hits and RBI for Stafford.

WEST HARTFORD THUNDER AT NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON, LATE

14u  
FARMINGTON AT NEWINGTON RAIDERS, LATE

Doyle, Herron homer in Yard Goats' win over Binghamton

Staff reports

HARTFORD — Jimmy Herron hit a three-run home run as part of a six-run fifth inning to lead the Yard Goats to an 8-3 win over the Binghamton Rumble Ponies in an Eastern League Northeast Division game at Dunkin' Donuts Park on Friday night.

Binghamton jumped out to an early lead on Brett Baty's three-run homer in the third. Hartford (46-27) came back in the fourth on Brenton Doyle's two-run home run, his ninth of the season.

Hartford then broke the game open with a six-run fifth that featured Herron's blast, and run-scoring hits from Kyle Dattres, Hunter Stovall and Willie MacIver.

Nick Bush (6-5) started and went six innings, allowing three runs on four hits for the win.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

19u: Southington Hitmen at Aherm Whalen-Middletown, 4 p.m.; Rocky Hill at Farmington, 5 p.m.  
16u: Aherm Whalen-Middletown at Copperheads-Torrington, 1 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast				
Hartford	45	27	.625	—
Somerset	45	27	.625	—
Portland	33	39	.458	12
New Hampshire	31	41	.431	14
Reading	31	41	.431	14
Binghamton	29	43	.403	16
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Akron	41	31	.569	—
Erie	41	31	.569	—
Richmond	40	32	.556	1
Altoona	35	37	.486	6
Harrisburg	31	41	.431	10
Bowie	30	42	.417	11

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 14, BINGHAMTON 4  
PORTLAND 15, NEW HAMPSHIRE 4  
ERIE 13, AKRON 9  
BOWIE 15, RICHMOND 5  
SOMERSET 6, READING 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

AKRON AT ERIE, PPD.  
BINGHAMTON AT HARTFORD, LATE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE AT PORTLAND, LATE  
HARRISBURG AT ALTOONA, LATE  
SOMERSET AT READING, LATE  
RICHMOND AT BOWIE, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

New Hampshire at Portland, 6 p.m.  
Harrisburg at Altoona, 6 p.m.  
Binghamton at Hartford, 6 p.m.  
Akron at Erie, 6:30 p.m.  
Richmond at Bowie, 6:30 p.m.  
Somerset at Reading, 6:45 p.m.

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# KING CONE

Joy has cornered the cone market by betting on a basic premise: People crave what they know



Ice cream cones at Ice Cream Jubilee, a Joy Baking Group ice cream cone client in the Washington, D.C., area. “Joy cones are refreshing in their normalness and not-flashiness,” said Victoria Lai, the founder of Ice Cream Jubilee.  
JENNIFER CHASE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

**Priya Krishna**  
The New York Times

HERMITAGE, Pa. — The ice cream cone is never the star of the show.

Its role is clear: Keep the scoop upright, don’t leak and don’t upstage the main player, the ice cream.

But being that supportive takes work. Which is why David George believes that the cone deserves more respect.

“When you have a car, you know a whole lot of engineering is going into it,” he said, standing beside bright-red boxes of cones. “A simple cone sounds like a simple thing, but it is not so simple.”

George is the third-generation president of Joy Baking Group, the largest manufacturer of ice cream cones in North America. You may not know Joy by name, but you’ve probably tasted its cones. Mister Softee? A Joy customer. Dairy Queen? Also Joy. Your local ice cream shop? Probably.

As the realm of ice cream has expanded — with more flavors, toppings and faddish treats introduced each year — the cone world has only grown smaller. Joy has cornered the cone market by betting on a basic premise: When it comes to the cone, people don’t want creativity. They want familiarity.

Inside Joy’s 530,000-square-foot flagship factory in western Pennsylvania — one of four Joy cone facilities in North America — jumbo spinning ovens that look like a partnership between NASA and Dr. Seuss operate around the clock, producing 15 million to 20 million cones a day during its busiest season, from February through July. They include crisp cake cones; sturdier, cookie-like sugar cones; and wide-mouthed, caramel-scented waffle cones.

These are cones designed to taste like childhood summers. They’re as comforting as a slice of pie, as delightful as cotton candy.

Joy now makes 41.3% of



Ice cream cones are shaped at Joy Baking Group’s factory in Hermitage, Pennsylvania — one of four Joy cone facilities in North America . NANCY ANDREWS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

the cones sold in American stores, according to an April 2022 report from IRI, a data analytics company — and likely more, since it also manufactures private-label cones. Malcolm Stogo, a consultant for ice cream shops, estimated that 60-70% of the cones sold in food service are Joy’s. Its closest competitor, Keebler, controls 14.5% of store sales.

At Joy’s Pennsylvania factory, cone-making is a highly technical, obsessed-over process.

Huge, keg-like vats hold the pale batter for the cones — mainly flour, water and sugar, along with tapioca flour for the cake cones. Joy uses brown sugar in its waffle and sugar cones, as George said this makes them sturdier and sweeter. A maze of pipes carry the batter into another room, where it is squirted onto cast-iron molds that rotate inside ovens at 350-400 degrees for anywhere from 90 to 110 seconds, depending on the cone size and type. For sugar and waffle cones, another machine plucks the cones off the molds and slides them into spinners to be rolled. A floor worker inspects each cone for imperfections: cracks, bumps, uneven coloring.

Where Joy has innovated is in its technology: a robotic arm that gently moves cones from the oven to a conveyor belt to be packaged, or a machine that snugly wraps and seals

the cones. Engineers have tweaked the cone design, too, moving up the grid pattern at the bottom of the cake cone to strengthen it. Most of the cones are extremely delicate, and piles of broken ones lie beside some machines.

Joy wasn’t always a juggernaut. Two Lebanese immigrants — Albert George, George’s grandfather, and a brother-in-law, Thomas J. Thomas — founded the company in 1918 in Brookfield, Ohio. It nearly went bankrupt in 1964 after a fire broke out in the factory. George’s father, Joe George, took over that year, and focused on building proprietary ovens and selling cones in stores. Within five years, the company was profitable.

Over time, smaller cone makers have struggled to keep up with the rising costs of operating. In the past few decades, many have closed or been acquired by Joy.

George said Joy’s prices have risen by only a few cents per cone over the past 10 years, roughly tracking inflation. Cones are an inexpensive luxury, he said. “We want to make sure that is always the case.”

Ice cream shops are banking on that. Several owners said they favored Joy primarily for their reliability and cost.

“Joy cones are refreshing in their normalness and not-flashiness,” said

Victoria Lai, the founder of Ice Cream Jubilee, a string of shops in the Washington, D.C., area that serve the company’s sugar cones. As supply-chain challenges make it harder to find ingredients, she said, Joy cones are consistently available.

But Kristine Tonkonow, the founder of the Konery, a cone maker in Brooklyn, thinks ice cream lovers deserve more options. “Imagine if Coca-Cola was the only company that made soda,” she said. “It really is the way that the waffle cone industry is.”

When she started the business in 2014, she looked at a Joy cone. “I thought it could be better. It could be more delicious, it could be prettier,” she said.

The cone should be as exciting as the ice cream, she believes. Hers come in bright colors and flavors like orange Creamsicle and salted blue corn. They cost three to four times more than Joy’s, Tonkonow said. But she has a wide array of customers, including Whole Foods Market, theme parks and independent shops like Malai Ice Cream in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn.

Susan Soorenko, the owner of Moorenko’s, an ice cream shop in the Washington area, said the Konery’s products were expensive and would complicate the ordering process. “There is no way I am offering that array of choices,” she said. “It is a recipe for chaos.”

She uses Joy cones, but doesn’t feel loyal to them. “Even if another worthy competitor arises, ‘it doesn’t matter,’ she said. “Because it is competing with a memory.”



Tarte à la rhubarbe.

TARTE À LA RHUBARBE

**Note:** This dough must be prepared in advance. “The tart design was inspired by a flawless version created by a fellow baker/Instagram friend, Thida Bevington,” writes Frank Adrian Barron in “Sweet Paris.” “Feel free to arrange them in any design you like — the end result will be just as delicious.”

**Makes:** 6 to 8 servings  
**For the dough:**  
⅔ cup flour, plus extra for rolling dough  
⅔ cup powdered sugar  
¼ cup almond flour  
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature and cut into small pieces  
2 egg yolks, lightly beaten  
Pinch of fine sea salt  
**For the frangipane:**  
¾ cup granulated sugar  
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature  
2 eggs, at room temperature  
1 cup almond flour  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 tablespoon flour  
**For the assembly:**  
3 to 4 large rhubarb stalks (about 18 ounces), cut into diagonal pieces  
2 tablespoons honey, warmed  
Vanilla ice cream, for serving  
**1. To prepare dough:** In the bowl of an electric mixer on low speed, combine 1 ⅔ cups flour, powdered sugar, ¼ cup almond flour, ½ cup butter, egg yolks and salt, and mix until a dough forms, about 2 to 3 minutes. Do not overmix. When the dough comes together, shape into a disc, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

**2. Remove** the dough from the refrigerator 30 minutes before you plan to roll it out. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 400 degrees.  
**3. Transfer** dough to a lightly floured work surface. Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out dough to large circle, about 12 inches in diameter. Carefully roll dough around rolling pin, brushing off any excess flour. Unroll dough over a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom, gently tuck dough into the pan, and trim any excess dough. Using a fork, poke tiny holes across bottom of tart shell. Line tart shell with parchment paper and fill with pie weights to keep the dough from puffing up during baking. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove tart shell from oven, and carefully remove pie weights and parchment paper. Return tart shell to oven and bake until the center turns golden, about 10 to 12 minutes. Remove the tart shell from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.  
**4. To prepare frangipane:** Meanwhile, in the bowl of an electric mixer on medium speed, combine the granulated sugar and ½ cup butter and beat until pale, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the eggs and mix until combined, then add 1 cup almond flour and almond extract, and mix until smooth. Add 1 tablespoon flour and mix until fully incorporated. Refrigerate until ready to use.  
**5. To assemble tart:** Spread frangipane filling evenly over cooled tart shell. Press rhubarb pieces into frangipane in desired pattern. Bake until edges of tart shell are golden brown, about 30 to 35 minutes (if the edges start to get too brown, cover them with aluminum foil). Remove the tart from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool. Carefully brush the top of the tart with warm honey for a glossy finish, and serve with vanilla ice cream.

By Rick Nelson  
Star Tribune

Author Frank Adrian Barron was missing home when he moved abroad, so he took to seasonal baking. Barron and his now-husband, James, moved to Paris 10 years ago. It was January, and when Barron, a transplanted Californian, hit the produce section at a nearby supermarket in search of smoothie ingredients, he was confronted by a distressing reality: no strawberries. “The French, I’d quickly find out, preferred to eat by the season, buying fruits and vegetables right when they’re harvested, when their flavor is at their natural peak,” he writes in “Sweet Paris: Seasonal Recipes From an American Baker in France.” “Though I was aware of this practice in theory, it wasn’t how we ate where I was from, a land where everything is available at any time.” That experience marked the start of Barron’s foray into the French way of eating. That wasn’t the only change he was making. Within a year, the art historian was immersing himself in a new-to-him avocation: cake baking. “I was missing home and wanted to go back,” he said in a recent interview. “I didn’t speak French, I didn’t have a work visa, I felt lost. I turned to baking at home for the nostalgia, and because I missed American-style cakes — Bundt cakes, coffee cakes, banana bread, chocolate cake with buttercream — which are impossible to find in France.” After a lot of trial and

error — and watching countless YouTube instructional videos — Barron found himself fulfilling cake requests among his expat friends. That grew into baking cakes for coffee shops and pop-ups, then hosting cake decorating classes in the couple’s apartment in the city’s Marais district. A blog (cakeboyparis.com) and a popular Instagram account (@cakeboyparis) led to the just-released “Sweet Paris.” “I kind of let the cake journey take me where it was going to take me,” he said. “I did not count on it becoming a second career.” “Sweet Paris” is beautiful to look at (thanks to captivating photographs by Joann Pai) and a treat to read, with approachable and appealing recipes that are seasonally influenced and reflect Barron’s American background and his adapted French sensibilities: lavender honey madeleines and white peach tarts in the summer; persimmon Bundt cakes and apple-cardamom tea cakes in the fall; and chestnut cakes and orange-glazed gingerbread in the winter. Right now? Rhubarb, of course. In a recent phone conversation, Barron discussed his household’s sweet-tart continuum, the beauty of Bundt pans and the glories of Italian meringue buttercream.

**Q: What draws you to rhubarb? I was surprised to learn that it’s a relatively new-to-you ingredient because your recipes for rhubarb land squarely in the “gotta-make” category.**  
**A:** I don’t recall having a lot of rhubarb when I lived in San Diego and San Francisco. For the French, it probably wouldn’t make



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the Top 5; it’s the U.K. that really celebrates rhubarb. But it was important for me to include rhubarb in the book because it’s my husband’s favorite. My interests are more on the sweet side, but his flavor profile is Team Tart all the way, so he leans to things like lemon and rhubarb.

**Q: Your Tarte à la Rhubarbe is beautiful and delicious. Why the tart format?**  
**A:** For the French, a tart is their go-to for when it comes to highlighting a particular flavor, because it’s a beautiful base for showing off the ripeness of the featured ingredient, like rhubarb.

**Q: After a decade of living**

**in Paris, is there a seasonal ingredient that you anticipate eating — and baking with — every year?**  
**A:** My favorite season for baking is the fall, and one of the reasons is because that’s when the Mirabelle plum comes into season. It’s a tiny golden plum, bursting with flavor, from the Lorraine region, and I’d never heard of it or tasted it until we moved to Paris. It’s only in the markets for about two weeks. During that time, everyone goes crazy and buys them by the bucketload, and you see them in tarts in boulangeries all over Paris.

**Q: I love it that you’re so into Minnesota-made Nordic Ware Bundt pans.**

**CINNAMON SWIRL BUNDT CAKE**  
*Frank Adrian Barron based this recipe on his mother’s signature cake. “Her version incorporates sour cream, which I substitute here with crème fraîche, because it has a richer flavor due to its higher fat content,” he writes in “Sweet Paris.” “Everything else, however, is kept the same.”*  
**Makes:** 12 servings  
**For the cake:**  
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus extra for pan  
3 cups flour, plus extra for pan  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon fine sea salt  
2 cups granulated sugar  
5 large eggs  
8 ounces crème fraîche  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar  
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons whole milk  
**For the glaze:**  
1 cup powdered sugar, plus additional as needed  
¼ cup maple syrup, plus additional as needed  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
**1. To prepare cake:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10- to 12-cup Bundt pan and set aside.  
**2. In a medium bowl,** whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt, and set aside.  
**3. In the bowl** of an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter and granulated sugar until pale and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Reduce speed to low and add eggs, one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl with a rubber

spatula between additions. Add the crème fraîche and 1 tablespoon vanilla extract and mix until just combined. Add the flour mixture in three additions, mixing until just combined.  
**4. Transfer** about 2 cups of the batter to a medium bowl. Add the dark brown sugar, cinnamon and milk, and stir until smooth.  
**5. Pour** about a third of the plain cake batter into the bottom of the prepared Bundt pan, then pour about half of the cinnamon batter on top. Repeat to add a second layer of plain batter, followed by a second layer of the remaining cinnamon batter. Finish with a third layer of the remaining plain batter on top. To make the marble swirl, use the point of a butter knife to draw a zigzag pattern through the batter. Bake until a cake

tester inserted into the center comes out clean and the cake is golden brown, about 55 to 60 minutes. Transfer the cake to a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes before carefully inverting the cake on a wire rack, removing the pan and allowing the cake to cool completely.  
**6. To prepare glaze:** In a small bowl, whisk together the powdered sugar, maple syrup and ½ teaspoon vanilla extract until well-combined and smooth. Add more powdered sugar or maple syrup as needed to create a thick but pourable glaze. Place a sheet of parchment paper underneath the wire rack holding the cooled cake. Slowly pour the glaze over the top of the cake, allowing it to drip down the sides. Allow the glaze to set at room temperature for about 15 minutes before serving.



Cinnamon swirl Bundt cake. RICK NELSON/HARPER DESIGN

# It’s rosé season; drink these bottles year-round

By Eric Asimov  
The New York Times

I don’t need to tell you that rosé season has begun. The bottles are crowding the seasonal displays in wine shops, the days are still growing longer and the get-it-done determination of the cooler months is giving way to a summer laxity.

Rosé has become synonymous with summer drinking. Though I have long recommended rosé as a year-round option, I’m not immune to the magnetic attraction that occurs after Memorial Day.

Outdoor dining and warm weather connote the Mediterranean, which, if rosé did not actually originate there, is nonetheless its home in popular culture.

The contrarian articles will no doubt soon arrive telling us the rosé boom is passé. Don’t believe it.

Feeling the rosé spirit, I went shopping in an array of New York retail stores and picked these exceptional bottles of rosé. They ranged in price from \$13 to \$32.

These rosés are all delightful. Most are versatile enough to drink with friends on a stoop, roof or wherever you gather, or to accompany a meal. I’ve listed them from least to most expensive.

**Viña Zorzal Navarra Garnacha Rosado 2021, 13.5%, \$13:** Viña Zorzal perennially produces great values in wine. The three Sanz brothers, who own Zorzal, farm organically in the Navarra region in northern Spain. This pale ruby rosado is made entirely out of old-vine garnacha. It’s dry, lively and savory; full of raspberry fruit, with underlying stony mineral flavors; and excellent with cheese and crudité.

**Château de Manissy Tavel Cuvée des Lys 2020, 14%, \$20:** The dark, power-



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ful rosés of Tavel in the Southern Rhône Valley are not everybody’s mouthful. They are more appropriate with a meal than as an aperitif by the water. But this bottle is an excellent example of a style of dark, potent rosé that was once popular but is a bit lost in today’s pale rosé world. This wine, sort of a pale maraschino color, is 60% grenache, 30% clairette and 10% syrah. It’s dry, with just a suggestion of fruit and floral flavors and plenty of minerality.

**Fabien Jouvès Vin de France Rosé À Table!!! 2021, 12%, \$23:** Fabien Jouvès makes some of my favorite Cahors wines under the Mas del Périé label. Under his own name he produces a range of natural wines like À Table!!!, essentially an invitation to come eat, which you will want to do with this dark rosé. It’s made of malbec, the grape of Cahors, along with two other grapes common

in southwestern France, tannat and merlot, all farmed biodynamically. It’s fresh and deliciously complex, with earthy aromas and flavors of red fruits and flowers.

**AT Roca Clàssic Penedès Rosat Reserva 2018, 12%, \$23:** AT Roca makes excellent sparkling wines in Catalonia, the wines that used to collectively be called cava until many of the best producers stopped using the term, wary of its connotation of mass production. Roca has opted instead for Clàssic Penedès, an identification for sparkling wines with strict regulations, including a requirement for organic viticulture. This rosat (Catalan for rosado, which is Spanish for rosé) is made like a Champagne, with a second fermentation in the bottle. It’s bone dry, floral and highly refreshing.

**Thibaud Boudignon Rosé de Loire 2021, 12.5%, \$24:** Over the last decade,

Thibaud Boudignon has become almost a cult Savennières producer whose superb wines have risen in price because of the ceaseless demand. This pale rosé, on the other hand, is reasonably priced. It’s made from organically farmed cabernet franc with a small amount of groll-eau, a red grape rarely seen outside the Loire. It’s got floral and mineral flavors, with a touch of bell pepper just for interest’s sake.

**Idlewild North Coast Flora & Fauna Rosé 2021, 11.8%, \$25:** This small producer in Sonoma makes wines inspired by the Piedmont region of northwestern Italy. Flora & Fauna is a blend of nebbiolo, dolcetto, barbera and a tiny bit of grignolino, all grapes one would expect to find in northern Italy, not so much in Northern California. This pretty, dark cinnamon-colored wine is fresh and bright, lighthearted but textured enough to pair well with food, whether

brook trout, for one, or pasta with mushrooms.

**Day Wines Rogue Valley Babycheeks Rosé 2021, 12%, \$29:** Brianne Day makes excellent pinot noirs and chardonnays from the Willamette Valley as well as a range of surprising wines from other parts of Oregon, like this bright, apple-fresh rosé from the Rogue Valley in Southern Oregon. It’s a blend of southwestern French grapes, including malbec, tannat and cabernet franc, and is fresh, lively and delicious.

**Château Pradeaux Bandol Rosé 2021, 13.5%, \$29:** Provence produces oceans of pale, insipid rosé with little distinctiveness. This is not one of them. Bandol Rosé and Château Pradeaux have rarely been short on character. Pradeaux, one of the oldest of the old-school Bandol producers, makes this brick-orange rosé out of mourvèdre, with about 25% cinsault added. It tastes

of licorice and herbs and should improve with a year or two of aging.

**Montenidoli Toscana Rosato Canaiuolo 2021, 12.5%, \$30:** For 50 years, Elisabetta Fagioli has been making wine on a hillside near the town of San Gimignano in Tuscany, farming organically all the while on limestone soils. This pale coral rosato is made of the canaiolo grape, more common as a blending ingredient with sangiovese in Chianti. The wine is textured and versatile with food, with aromas and flavors of red berries along with fine mineral flavors.

**A Tribute to Grace Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard Rosé of Grenache 2021, 12.3%, \$30:** Angela Osborne makes terrific, expressive grenaches from vineyards all over California from her home base in Santa Barbara. This rich, gutsy, salmon-colored rosé, made entirely out of grenache, is textured and full of fresh fruit, licorice and herbal flavors. Yet it is also focused and refined. If that sounds like it plays both ways, well, yes, it does. This will stand up to a burger.

**Railsback Frères Santa Ynez Valley Les Rascasses Rosé 2021, 11.9%, \$32:** Lyle and Eric Railsback worked in many sides of the wine business before starting this label together in 2015. Les Rascasses — scorpionfish in French — is their tribute to Lulu Peyraud, the legendary matriarch of Domaine Tempier, which they say produced their favorite Bandol rosé. This rosé is made in the Provençal style, a blend of mourvèdre, cinsault and carignan. It’s light and pleasing, with flavors of licorice, herbs and flowers. The wine makes it easy to conjure up a Provençal setting, preferably with a tribute to Lulu’s bouillabaisse as well.

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# Savory French toast meets egg-in-a-hole

By **Melissa Clark**  
The New York Times

Hybrid dishes run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous. For every Cronut and brookie bringing delight, there’s a ramen burger or pizza taco just waiting to make you shake your head.

The best hybrid dishes operate on several levels. They have cooking techniques that can be seamlessly merged, flavors that build on one another and overlapping dispositions that make so much sense together that the new dish becomes a classic, (not a flash-in-the-pan (I’m looking at you, mugfel).

Asparagus egg-in-a-hole checks all the right boxes. At its heart, it’s a cross of two eggy bread recipes — Parmesan French toast and egg-in-a-hole — that is served with a pile of roasted asparagus to catch all the saucy yolk.

Parmesan French toast, a brilliant recipe from Nigella Lawson, is a piquant, cheesy take on the usual maple-soaked staple. For this version, I streamlined the ingredients, eliminating the paprika, mustard and Worcestershire. With the additions of runny eggs, roasted asparagus, thyme and scallions, the bread doesn’t need extra oomph.

Then I cut holes into those Parmesan-imbued slices and cracked eggs right into them to cook. Another name for egg-in-a-hole is bird-in-a-nest, and when you see those yolks nestled cozily into the bread, you understand why.

Both French toast and egg-in-a-hole are usually fried in a pan of butter. But in order to cook the asparagus at the same time, I moved everything to a sheet pan.

This is a very straightforward recipe, yet there are a few things to keep in mind. One is to choose a crusty bread, such as a sourdough or a country loaf — some-



Roasted asparagus and toasts dipped in a Parmesan-infused custard turn a childhood favorite into so much more. **CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

thing sturdy that won’t fall apart after bathing in the custard. Then cut the widest slices right from the middle to use. The goal is to fit two eggs into each slice, making the dish a bit more substantial than usual. If your bread slices are smaller, just use one egg in each.

You can substitute other quick-roasting vegetables for the asparagus. Broccoli florets, halved cherry tomatoes or Brussels sprouts, or sliced mushrooms all work equally well. And if you want to double the recipe, use two sheet pans, arranging the bread on one and the asparagus on the other.

Then serve this for a light dinner, or for breakfast or brunch. Just hold the syrup.

## EGG-IN-A-HOLE WITH ASPARAGUS

**Makes:** 2 servings  
**Total time:** 30 minutes  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled  
5 large eggs  
⅓ cup whole milk  
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
2 wide slices sturdy country white bread, such as sourdough or peasant bread (preferably from the middle of the loaf)  
8 ounces asparagus, trimmed  
3 scallions, thinly sliced  
3 fresh thyme sprigs  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
**1. Heat** oven to 425 degrees. Grease a rimmed sheet pan with 1 tablespoon melted butter.  
**2. In a large, shallow dish,** whisk together 1 egg, milk, ¼ cup Parmesan, a

large pinch of salt and pepper, and the remaining tablespoon melted butter. Add bread and let soak for about 2 minutes per side. The bread should be soft and soaked through, but not falling apart.  
**3. Arrange** soaked bread on one side of the prepared sheet pan. Pour any remaining soaking mixture from bowl onto the bread slices. Using a cookie cutter or a knife, carefully cut 2 (2 ½-inch) holes in each slice of soaked bread, making 4 holes in total. Place the cut-out rounds alongside the bread slices on the pan.  
**4. On the other side** of the sheet pan, add the asparagus, half of the scallions (save the rest for garnish), thyme and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Drizzle asparagus with olive oil, tossing well, and spread into an even single layer.  
**5. Bake** until bread is golden on top, 10 minutes. If the asparagus is tender and browned after 10 minutes, use tongs to transfer the stalks to a plate

and tent with foil to keep warm. Thick asparagus may need more time, in which case leave it in the pan for the next step.  
**6. Using a spatula,** flip the bread slices and cut-outs. Crack the remaining 4 eggs into the holes (the eggs may overflow a bit, and that is OK). Season eggs lightly with salt and pepper. Sprinkle remaining 2 tablespoons Parmesan on top of eggs and bread.  
**7. Return** pan to the oven and bake until eggs are barely set, about 5 to 7 minutes. The yolks and even some of the whites should jiggle slightly. (Note that the eggs will continue to cook on the sheet pan once out of the oven, so if you like runny yolks, err on the side of early removal.) However, if the egg whites are still translucent, bake for another minute or two.  
**8. To serve,** place egg toasts on plates, top each toast with half the asparagus (discarding the thyme sprigs) and garnish with reserved scallions.



Our 9-year-old recipe tester, Jack, said he loved the buttered breadcrumb crunch on top of the cod. **ELLESIMONE/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**

# Grab fresh cod for a tasty dinner your kids will love

America’s Test Kitchen

The secret to success with this dish is a low-temperature oven (set to just 300 degrees) that ensures the fish cooks slowly without drying out.

Crispy, buttery, garlicky panko bread crumbs get a head start in a skillet, so they’re golden brown when the fish comes out of the oven.

Finally, a mayonnaise and egg yolk “glue” adds rich flavor and helps the crumb topping stay put. Even kids who don’t usually like fish will love this dish.

## CRISPY BAKED COD

**Makes:** 4 servings  
Vegetable oil spray  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
¾ cup panko bread crumbs  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
1 large egg yolk  
½ teaspoon grated lemon zest, plus lemon wedges  
4 (6-ounce) skinless cod fillets, 1 to 1 ½ inches thick  
**1. Adjust** oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 300 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and set a cooling rack inside the baking sheet. Spray rack with vegetable oil spray.  
**2. In a 12-inch skillet,** melt butter over

medium heat. Add panko, garlic, salt and pepper and cook, stirring often with rubber spatula, until lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes.  
**3. Transfer** panko mixture to a medium bowl. Stir in parsley and let cool for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, egg yolk and lemon zest.  
**4. Use** paper towels to pat fish dry. Spread mayonnaise mixture evenly over top of each fillet.  
**5. Working with 1** fillet at a time, coat the top of each fillet with panko mixture. Place fillets, crumb-side up, on greased rack in the baking sheet.  
**6. Place** the baking sheet in the oven and bake until fish registers 145 degrees on instant-read thermometer, 30 to 40 minutes.  
**7. Remove** the baking sheet from the oven. Place the baking sheet on a second cooling rack. Serve fish with lemon wedges.

## SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

# Modified pan bagnat is a veggie salad in a sandwich

By **Diane Rossen Worthington**  
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We usually want our sandwiches prepared with the freshest bread and served immediately, but not this spectacular summer sandwich. Day-old bread is a requisite for this recipe, as the dry bread soaks up the dressing.

There are many versions of this classic Niçoise specialty. Pan bagnat, or “bathed bread,” is moistened with herbed vinaigrette. Originally, the sandwich was composed of stale bread with the classic salad Niçoise tucked into it. Most of the time it was mixed with hard-cooked eggs, anchovies, tomatoes, lettuce and tuna.

My version adds other tasty components that



This versatile “salad in a bun” can be served at backyard lunches or on a picnic. **JONELLE WEAVER/TNS**

have become a must-have for summer picnics. I like to switch it up and surprise my guests by using a colorful variety of vegetables that vegetarians and carnivores can enjoy. This versatile “salad in a bun” can be served at casual backyard lunches, on a picnic and

at summer concerts. It is hearty and full of flavor. If you want to add protein, you can add some cooked egg slices.

Wrapping the entire loaf in butcher paper and tying off individual sandwiches with raffia or long chives make an impressive lunch.

## VEGETARIAN PAN BAGNAT

**Makes:** 8 servings  
½ cup Herb Vinaigrette (see recipe below)  
1 loaf French or sourdough bread, baguette or Focaccia style (day old works well)  
1 small cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced  
2 medium ripe heirloom tomatoes, thinly sliced  
½ cup drained red or yellow peeled bell peppers  
12 large fresh basil leaves  
¾ cup (6-ounce jar) marinated artichoke hearts  
4 ounces fresh goat cheese, crumbled or thinly sliced  
Butcher paper and chives, twine or raffia for wrapping sandwiches  
**1. Slice** baguette horizontally so that ⅔ of the bread is on the bottom half and ⅓ is on the top half. Scoop out most of the soft bread inside, leaving the thick crust with only a thin layer of bread.  
**2. To assemble the sandwich:** Brush some vinaigrette on the bottom half of the baguette. Top each with cucumber slices, tomato slices, peppers, basil leaves and artichoke hearts. Sprinkle with more vinaigrette. Top with cheese. Cover with the top piece of bread and press down tightly. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 8 hours ahead.  
**3. To serve,** wrap loaf in butcher or

parchment paper. Wrap chives, twine or raffia tightly around the sandwich, leaving a 2-inch space between each tie. Using a sharp, serrated knife, slice through bread between twine to make individual sandwiches. (Or just cut into 2-inch slices.)

## HERBED VINAIGRETTE

**Makes:** 1 cup  
*This fresh herb vinaigrette will liven up any variety of salad greens, sandwiches, fresh vegetables, cold seafood, chicken or pasta salads.*  
1 medium shallot, finely chopped  
1 medium garlic clove, minced  
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley  
1 tablespoon finely chopped chives  
1 teaspoon finely chopped basil  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
¾ cup olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
**1. Combine** the shallot, garlic, parsley, chives, basil, Dijon mustard, lemon juice and red wine vinegar in a medium bowl, and whisk until well blended. (Or place in a food processor fitted with a steel blade and process until well blended.)  
**2. Slowly pour** in the olive oil, whisking continuously (or processing) until blended. Add salt and pepper, and taste for seasoning.